

August 11, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Natomas Coal Company
Trail Mountain Mine
ACT/015/009
Emery County, Utah

On Friday, August 6, 1982, Ken Wyatt and John Whitehead, field specialists for the Division, conducted a partial inspection of the Trail Mountain Mine. No one from Natomas Coal Company accompanied Division personnel on this inspection. The purpose of the inspection was to examine compliance work done for the abatement of NOV N82-7-5-1 and to familiarize Mr. Whitehead with the Trail Mountain Mine facilities.

NOV N82-7-5-1 was issued July 15, 1982. The abatement deadline was two weeks (July 29, 1982). A one week extension was granted on July 29, 1982 with the new abatement deadline August 5, 1982.

At the time of this inspection, minimal abatement work had been conducted. Some of the coal residues had been removed from the creek's embankments. Soil material had been placed over the remaining coal-like material. This work was not appropriate for the termination of the violation.

Mr. King was not available for discussion, so this inspector decided to wait until the following work day to discuss this problem further with the operator. On Monday, August 9, 1982, it was discovered that Mr. King had called for an additional extension on August 5, 1982.

Mr. King called again on August 9, 1982, requesting additional time for abatement. The appropriate actions to be taken for the abatement of this violation were then discussed with Mr. King. The operator desires to hold off on the abatement work until the bypass culvert is installed. With the culvert installation, further occurrences of sediment contributions would be avoided in the coal stockpile/sediment pond area. Also, with the culvert installation as the abatement work, the stream's embankments will only be disturbed once. This was deemed appropriate by this inspector as long as Natomas Trail Mountain Coal Company has this work done at the earliest possible time. The NOV will be modified on Thursday, August 12, 1982 after determining how prompt Natomas will be with the culvert installation.

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The sediment pond's inlet was still undefined. Coal slurry-like material was seen backing up at the inlet. This same concern was noted during the July 15, 1982 inspection. Little attempt has been made by Natomas to correct the situation. This problem should be addressed by the operator during the interim period before the construction of the new sediment pond and the bypass culvert.

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KW/btb

Statistics:

See Knight Mine memo dated August 10, 1982
Grant: A & E