

May 25, 1984

Inspection Memo  
to Coal File:

Re: Diamond Shamrock Coal Unit  
Trail Mountain Coal Mine  
ACT/015/009, folder #7  
Emery County, Utah

On May 15, 1984, a partial inspection was conducted at Natomas Trail Mountain Coal by Mining Field Specialist Tom Wright. This was a follow-up to check on NOV N84-4-6-3, # 1 of 3 issued by Mining Field Specialist, Dave Lof on April 13, 1984 regarding an emergency spillway not constructed according to approved plans. Allen Child of Natomas was contacted and accompanied on the inspection. Mining was in progress on this date. The weather was warm and sunny.

On the way to the mine site from State Highway 29, it was noted that work was being done on the county road. A grader was blading the road to the pavement and a tank truck was watering the road surface.

At the mine office water monitoring data from the months of March and April were examined. Mr. Childs reported that sampling had been done for the first half of May but the results had not been returned.

Some work to correct the violation issued on April 13, 1984 had been done on the sediment pond and the emergency spillway. The holes in the emergency spillway standpipe had been plugged with welded metal patches and sealed with silicone. The height difference between the principle and emergency had been increased to a minimum of 7 feet 10 inches. A new hinge plate with slots has been attached to the emergency standpipe. Also the operator has used gravel to build up the embankment of the pond.

Pictures of the work were taken and results of the activity will be forwarded to inspector Lof for his evaluation.

Tom Wright *TW*  
Mining Field Specialist

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cc: Jodie Merriman, OSM  
Allen Childs, Diamond Shamrock Coal Unit  
Joe Helfrich, DOGM  
Dave Lof, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle: EX49611 - 324  
EX45428 - 142  
Per Diem: 1 person X 3 days, 6 hours = 184  
Grant: A&E  
90500