April 5, 1984

Inspection Memo
to Coal File

RE: Natomas Trail Mountain Coal Company
Trail Mountain Mine
ACT/015/009, Folder #7
Emery County, Utah

On January 19, 1984 a partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine site by Division Inspector, David Lof who was accompanied on the inspection by Allen Childs of Natomas Trail Mountain Coal Company.

Since my November complete inspection the operator had solicited, received and accepted a bid by ACME Fencing for the installation of a chain link fence along the road side of the half-round culvert. According to Mr. Childs the fence will be installed no later then the end of May. While discussing the fence with Mr. Childs, I suggested to him that they provide some sort of protection for the gate posts so that they would not be damaged by heavy truck traffic.

I discussed the certification of the sediment pond with Mr. Childs. He informed me that he had contacted R & M Consultants, Inc. of Murray, Utah to conduct compaction tests on the sediment pond embankment and to survey it to make sure that it was constructed according to the approved plan. R & M had been on site since my last inspection, but at that time they did not have time to conduct their compaction tests. Mr. Childs called them while we were in the mine office and they committed to coming down to the mine site the following week in order to conduct the tests. On January 26, 1984, I received a telephone call from Mr. Childs informing me that R & M had been to the mine site the previous day and conducted their inspection of the sediment pond.

According to Mr. Childs, Trail Mountain has contracted the services of Pat Collins of Mount Nebo Scientific of Springville, Utah to put together a 1984 revegetation plan for the mine site.

When asked for sediment pond inspection reports, which are required by UMC 817.46 (t), Mr. Childs was not able to provide me with the inspection reports. The operator had been informed during a December 8, 1983 partial inspection, that weekly inspections needed to be conducted and documented appropriately. Because he could not provide the appropriate documentation Notice of Violation N84-4-4-1 was issued it reads as follows:

Nature of The Violation

Failure to examine the sediment pond for structural weakness, erosion and other hazardous conditions and to promptly record the results of such examination in accordance with 30 CFR 77.216-3.

Provision of the Regulations, Act or Permit Violated

UMC 817.46 (t)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

The sediment pond.

Remedial Action Required

Implement a sediment pond inspection program in accordance with UMC 817.46 (t)

Time for Abatement

One week from the date of receipt of this Notice; February 2, 1984

The violation was served to Mr. Childs on January 26, 1984. At which time he informed me that he had conducted and documented a sediment pond inspection on January 25, 1984.

The operator had been stockpiling snow from the disturbed area near the sediment pond inlet. Some of the snow had been placed outside the permitted disturbed area onto the adjacent county road. There were several cubic yards of material involved. This material was still frozen and it did not appear as though any of the snow had melted since it was placed on the county road right-of-way. Since the snow from the disturbed area would not have been treated, had it melted, and it would have flowed into Cottonwood Creek approximately 50 yards away Notice of Violation N84-4-3-1 was issued, it reads as follows:

Nature of the Violation

Failure to pass all disturbed area runoff through a sediment control facility prior to leaving the permit area.

Provision of the Regulations, Act or Permit Violated

UMC 817.42(a)(1)

Portion of the Operation to which Notice Applies

The area immediately south of the southern most truck crossing.

Remedial Action Required

Clean up all disturbed area snow which was placed on the east side of the half-round culvert and return it to the permit area.

Time for Abatement

One week from date of receipt of the Notice; January 26, 1984.

The violation was issued to the operator on site during my inspection.

Once I had pointed out the violation to the operator, he immediately contacted an equipment operator and by the time I left the site much of the snow had been placed back within the permit area. Mr. Childs informed me on January 27, 1984 that they had finished cleaning up the snow and repaired the berm which was damaged when the snow was placed off site on January 26, 1984.

David Lof
Field Specialist

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cc: Allen Childs, Natomas
Jodie Merriman, OSM
Joe Helfrich, DOGM
Mary Boucek, DOGM

Statistics:

Vehicle:	EX 45428, 672 Miles
Per Diem:	1 person X 3 days 3 hours = $146.89
Grant:	A&E
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