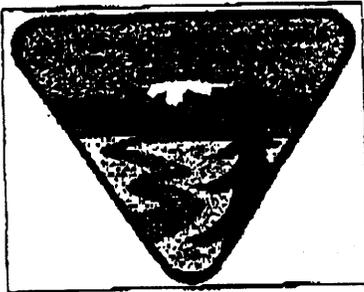


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Inspection Report For Coal Operations**

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Thursday, April 26, 2001

Inspection Date 4/6/01

Quarter 3rd **Fiscal Year** FY2001

Mine Trail Mountain **Purpose** Special

U-082996	Main intake and beltline	
U-49332	Main intake and beltline	
UTU-64375	1st Right off 5th Left	Seals on 5 Left at xcut 16

Current Mine Status

On April 6, 2001, I made a joint inspection of the Trail Mountain Mine prior to sealing the portals for "Temporary Cessation of Operations". Peter Haas from Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining (UDOGM) accompanied me. Ed Riggle, Mine Engineer from Energy West (mining operator and subsidiary of the lessee PacifiCorp), was our representative from the operator. The purpose of this underground inspection was to observe the conditions of the mine as Energy West pulls out of the mine and prepares it for sealing.

We started the inspection by travelling back to the seals in 5th Left Mains and walked back the belt line to the outside. The seals in 5th Left Mains are by the intersection of the last set of longwall gate road entries, 2nd and 1st Right and effectively have sealed the whole of the southern mine workings. Before these seals were installed, a full walk inspection was made on November 7, 2000, of the 5th Left Mains and the 10th Right gateroads or bleeder entries around the 10th through 1st Right mined out longwall block. I noted in the inspection of November 7 that no major equipment or structures were left other than 3 small 5 horsepower electric pumps and associated 3 or 4 inch steel dewater pipeline through the area, about 5000 feet. These facts are stated herein to note what was looked at prior to this inspection.

The seals at 5th Left just inby crosscut 16 were standard block and sealed stoppings. From this point we traveled out mostly along the beltline entries. Noted what items were still in the mine. For the most part the main 6 in. steel high pressure water line that ran in the belt entry was to be left (reported as 9000 feet of pipe), along with the 12 in. PVC dewatering pipe. These two main pipelines ran along the beltline to the portal. All the belt structure and belting were removed except for a couple of hanging belt structure frames left at a transfer point. From our observations, all major items were not in the mine or being removed. They did inform us that the longwall shields were being temporary stored in some crosscuts near the portal until they are ready to move them to Deer Creek Mine at the next longwall move. This will keep the shields out of the weather during this storage period, estimated at a couple of weeks.

Though we did not travel to every place in the mine, we observed the most likely places where items could be left or stored. The beltline entries were entirely pulled of items except the noted pipes. PacifiCorp's list of items left in the Trail Mountain Mine reflected our observations underground. It is my opinion that PacifiCorp has withdrawn most of the items in the mine. Of the listed and noted items, namely the pipelines, it is my opinion that these could not cause detrimental effects to the hydrologic regime in the area. The piping is resistant to fast and rapid decomposition and the amount of iron that could precipitate into any water bearing regime is minimal. The area of the pipeline is in up dip areas where water will not build up. We can see no environmental harm should the pipes be left. The closure of the Trail Mountain Mine is at this stage a temporary cessation. We do believe that there is a strong possibility that the main portals and entries will be used in the future to access the Cottonwood coal tract to the north. So at this stage we are not looking as a permanent abandoned mine though those items left we feel would not harm the environment should the become permanently sealed.

Close Out Discussion

