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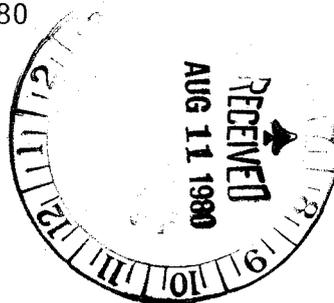
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August 7, 1980



Mr. Ron Daniels
Coordinator of Mined Land Development
Department of Natural Resources
1588 West North Temple
Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Enclosed please find a copy(s) of on-site inspection report. The inspection was conducted within Consolidation Coal's Emery Mine during the period of July 9, 1980.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact this office.

Sincerely,

Thomas E. Ehmett
Acting Assistant Regional Director
Division of Inspection & Enforcement

REGION V ON-SITE INSPECTION REPORT

CONSOLIDATION COAL COMPANY
EMERY MINE
P.O. Box 527
Emery, Utah 84522
(801) 286-2301

DATE: July 9, 1980
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
WEATHER: Sunny and clear
COUNTY AND STATE: Emery, Utah
COMPANY OFFICIALS: Ron Thompson and Rick Williamson
STATE OFFICIALS: Joe Helfrich and Mary Kay Stein
OSM OFFICIAL: Larry Damrau
STATE PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/015/015
MSHA ID NUMBER: 42-00079
FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT
ACTIONS: None
STATE ENFORCEMENT
ACTIONS: None

COMPLIANCE WITH INTERIM REGULATIONS

717.11 General Obligations

A copy of the mining and reclamation plan approved by the State of Utah was available at the office. A copy of an extension letter, dated July 7, 1980, approving extension of NPDES Permit #UT 0022616 was also available at the minesite. Exploration activities are presently being conducted on Federal lands. Thirty-six sites were approved for drilling activities in a letter dated May 6, 1980. Fourteen additional sites were approved in a letter from United States Geological Survey (USGS) dated June 13, 1980. The Federal lease areas for which the exploration activities were approved includes U-010213, U-0101214, U-0101215, U-0101217, U-0101218, U-073039, U-073040, U-073041 and U-090231.

717.12 Signs and Markers

All required information was present on the mine and permit identification sign posted at the entrance to the surface affected areas. Buffer signs were also posted along the berms adjacent to Christiansen Draw.

717.14 Backfilling and Grading Operations

All previously disturbed areas are presently being utilized in the active mining operation. Final backfilling and grading operations will not be initiated until the mining activities are terminated at this site.

EMERY MINE

717.17 Protection of the Hydrologic System

All surface drainage from affected areas is passed through sedimentation ponds. Although no evidence was present of surface drainage escaping from the water tank areas, above the minesite, it appeared that some minor grading in association with the access road to the tank, should be conducted this summer or fall to insure control of surface drainage from that area.

Activities to prevent excessive erosion from the sprinkler systems constructed along the berms should be initiated by the company.

The berms constructed to control erosion, adjacent to the drainage running through the minesite appeared in good repair.

717.20 Topsoiling and Revegetation

The grasses and seedlings, planted along the berms adjacent to Christiansen Draw exhibited good establishment and viability. Certain restricted areas may require revegetation operations to be conducted in the spring or fall of 1981 if establishment of the vegetation does not occur by that time.

GENERAL COMMENTS

During this inspection, the coal stockpile at the cave area was burning. Mr. Thompson stated that the area is inspected twice daily and fire elimination is conducted as needed. Evidence of past activity in controlling stockpile fires were evident at the site.


LARRY DAMRAU
RECLAMATION SPECIALIST