

April 12, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement File
 FROM: Barton D. Kale, Mining Field Specialist *Box*
 RE: Consolidation Coal Company, Emery Deep Mine,
ACT/015/015, #7, Emery County, Utah

DATE: March 27, 1985
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
WEATHER: Snow Flurries
COMPANY OFFICIAL: Ron Thompson
STATE OFFICIAL: Barton D. Kale
ENFORCEMENT ACTION: None

Compliance with Permanent Performance Standards

UMC 771 et al Permits

All applicable permits were available upon request.

UMC 817.11 Signs and Markers

The mine entrance sign was posted as required, as were perimeter markers.

UMC 817.21-.25 Topsoil

No topsoil problems were noted at this time.

UMC 817.45 Hydrologic Balance

Pond inspection reports were viewed during the office visit. Quarterly inspection reports were available throughout 1984. Mr. Thompson indicated that Mr. Hughes had conducted an inspection earlier this quarter before he assumed his present duties, but was unable to locate the documentation. Mr. Thompson is aware of his responsibilities as this quarter approaches its conclusion.

During this inspection, Mr. Thompson inquired about the definition of "qualified person" concerning sediment pond inspections. He is not a Professional Engineer (PE) and the staff PE has left to take another position (Ron Hughes). The inspector is researching the question, but has not come up with any definitive answer as of yet. Mr. Thompson will continue to conduct the monitoring and the Division may require a letter from whomever Consolidation Coal Company puts on contract as a PE to sign off on Mr. Thompson's qualifications.

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Sediment pond number 3 has received maintenance to the bottom of the culvert. This action was requested last month and was completed satisfactorily.

Some discussion was held concerning the bridge over the creek, accessing the sediment pond trash area and excess coal storage area. It was recommended that to maintain compliance, the operator should raise the solid portion of the guard rail to protect the stream from coal and other solids from falling off the bridge and into the creek. The operator agreed to put some belting to act as a containment measure along the side of the bridge.

Prior to the inspection, a strong windstorm resulted in blowing coal fines from the coal pile into the perennial stream channel. Maintenance and preventative measures are being discussed at this time to prevent a second occurrence. Company responsibility, as far as removal, is being discussed as well.

UMC 817.52 Surface and Ground Water Monitoring

NPDES monitoring data and permits were available upon request.

The latest NPDES monitoring data were dated December 17, 1984.

No problems were noted at this time.

UMC 817.89 Disposal of Noncoal Wastes

Noncoal waste is starting to accumulate at the storage site. The operator has arranged to have the material shipped to the landfill in Huntington.

UMC 817.68 Use of Explosives

There has been no recent use of explosives.

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cc: Ron Thompson
Donna Griffin
Joe Helfrich
Sue Linner

Statistics:

See Factory Butte Mine memo dated April 5, 1985
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