

February 23, 1982

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Utah Power & Light Company
Church Mines
ACT/015/017
Emery County, Utah

The above mentioned mine was visited by Division inspectors David Lof, Ken Wyatt, and Sandy Pruitt on January 26, 1982. The purpose of the inspection was to determine the status of Notice of Area of Concern 81-4-6-4.

Notice of Concern 1 of 4 was written in regard to erosion occurring on the downslope between the upper coal stockpile pad and the tipple pad. Division inspectors requested that the operator develop and submit to the Division complete and adequate plans for the conveyance of disturbed area runoff in a controlled manner from the upper coal stockpile pad to the tipple pad in order to minimize erosion on the downslope. The above mentioned plans were submitted to the Division on February 1, 1982, and an approval letter from the Division, dated February 18, 1982, has been sent to the operator.

Area of Concern 2 of 4 was in regard to the proper maintenance of the designed disturbed area runoff sediment control measures. In particular the disturbed area drainage ditch on the west side of the parking/office pad and the Beehive/Little Dove pad. The drainage ditch on the parking/office pad had been cleaned; however, at the time of inspection, some tires had been placed in the drainage ditch. The operator was told at that time to have the tires removed and properly stored. The Beehive/Little Dove pad had been cleared of non-coal waste and regraded so that the disturbed area runoff would drain toward the Beehive portal; however, at the time of the inspection, some snow and timbers had been placed in front of the portal so that the drainage into the portal was being impeded. The operator committed to having the snow and timbers moved immediately.

Notice #3 of 4 required that straw bales in the diversion ditch of the Class I road and in the diversion ditch along the Class II road to the water tank and pump house be replaced to insure that additional contributions of sediment to stream flow would be prevented to the extent possible. This work had been completed.

Area of Concern 4 of 4 was in regard to the proper placement and storage for non-coal waste at the Little Dove Mine portal pad. As stated above, this work had been completed.

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Statistics:

See Emery Deep Mine memo dated February 5, 1982