

January 30, 1980

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

Re: Utah Power and Light Co.
Deer Creek Mine
ACT/015/018A
Emery County, Utah

The above mentioned operation was given a follow-up inspection on January 10, 1980 by Ron Gregg and Vern Maldonado from the Office of Surface Mining and Doug Stewart and Joe Helfrich from the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. State and Federal Inspectors were accompanied by Morgan Moon, Chief Mining Engineer for the Deer Creek Mine.

The purpose of the trip was to abate the following violation:

1. Failure to maintain access roads.

The violation was not abated and the situation was discussed with Karl D. Gurr, Mining Engineer for Utah Power and Light at the Deer Creek Mine. At the time of the inspection, surface runoff was observed by-passing the inlet structure that drains under the main access road into the sediment ponds. It was suggested that regrading be initiated to divert the run-off into the inlet box. Portions of the access road below the sediment pond were also in need of maintenance, however reclamation plans have been submitted to O.S.M. for approval on this area. Installation of drop drains and cross culverts at several points along the access road were suggested by Ron Gregg, to prevent increased velocity and divert surface run-off.

One violation was issued at the stockpile area for the Deer Creek power plant.

1. Failure to maintain conveyor facilities to prevent additional contributions of suspended solids to stream flow.

There was a breached berm directly underneath the conveyor on the west side of Deer Creek allowing run-off from the stockpile area to drain directly into Deer Creek. Erosion of the downslope between the breached berm and creek is also an eminent problem.

No other violations were issued.

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Note: For statistics see Valley Camp Memo dated January 28, 1980.

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