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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: ___ Complete: X Exploration: ___
Inspection Date & Time: 11/9/95 9 to 3
Date of Last Inspection: 10/19/95

Mine Name: Deer Creek County: Emery Permit Number: ACT/015/018
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: PacifiCorp
Business Address: P.O. Box 1005, Huntington, Utah 84528
Type of Mining Activity: Underground X Surface ___ Prep. Plant ___ Other ___
State Official(s): Susan White
Company Official(s): Karl Housekeeper
Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Sun, rain, and snow
Existing Acreage: Permitted-14,740 Disturbed-93 Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-93
Increased/Decreased: Permitted-___ Disturbed-___ Regraded-___ Seeded-___ Bonded-___
Status: ___ Exploration/ X Active/ ___ Inactive/ ___ Temporary Cessation/ ___ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (___ Phase I/ ___ Phase II/ ___ Final Bond Release/ ___ Liability ___ Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Table with 5 columns: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Contains 21 rows of permit conditions and their evaluation status.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS

The permit was reissued June 13, 1995 and expires February 15, 1996.

Lowell Braxton gave the operator a go ahead on exploration drilling outside the permit area, on PacifiCorp's land and into PacifiCorp's coal on 11/3/95. At the time of this inspection the drill rig could be seen above the Rilda Canyon Road. The water tank was placed along side the road, very little disturbance was noted.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permit signs were visible upon entrance into the Mine area, the Waste Rock Storage area and Rilda Canyon.

3. TOPSOIL

Not quite all of the topsoil has been salvaged at Rilda Canyon. One of the two portals has not broken out, apparently due to delays from within the mine. I have encouraged the operator to begin finalizing all topsoil placement and dressing slopes for seeding.

4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:

a. Diversions - The undisturbed and disturbed surface runoff appeared to be functioning properly.

b. Sediment Ponds and Impoundments- Records for the third quarter of 1995 were reviewed. Quarterly pond inspections were completed 9/25/95 by Guy Davis and Richard Northrup for the Mine Site Pond and the Waste Rock Detention Pond, no problems were noted.

d. Water Monitoring- Water monitoring records were reviewed for the third quarter of 1995. All requisite information for the quarterly parameters had been collected, analyzed, and reported.

e. Effluent Limitations- The UPDES discharge reports were reviewed for the third quarter of 1995 and were determined to be in order.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Routine quarterly inspections were conducted of the three waste rock sites at the Deer Creek Mine on September 25, 1995 by John Christensen. No instability problems were noted.

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The new spoil material from the bin wall expansion placed in the Elk Canyon Storage Facility was graded to approximately a 1.5 : 1 slope as required by the stability analysis.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

The operator was asked to reevaluate the construction activity at Rilda Canyon and to prioritize activities knowing that at any time snow could cover the ground for the remaining of the winter. Noncoal waste and numerous other construction materials are scattered throughout the site that could be clean up prior to winter.

10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE

A rockfall occurred on April 27, 1995 at the mine site, originating from the prelaw terrace benches. A temporary protective berm was installed at the edge of the parking lot to protect from any further rock falls. The term "temporary" was defined as 6 months or less. The operator has submitted to the Division with the permit renewal a new surface facilities map which depicts the berm as permanent.

13. REVEGETATION

The operator was encouraged to dress the road and seed prior to winter shutdown. Also most of the topsoil pile could be dressed and seeded.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The Certificate of Liability Insurance was renewed February 24, 1995. The expiration date is in one year, 2/24/96. The insurance company is Associated Electric & Gas Insurance Services Limited and the policy number is XO296A1A95.

St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company holds the 2 million dollar reclamation bond, Bond No. 400 JN 6140.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: OSM, Karl Housekeeper (PacifiCorp)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM)

Inspector's Signature: Susan M. White

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