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State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 12/30&31/96 / 8:00a.m.-11:30a.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 11/20/96

Mine Name: Deer Creek Mine 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 XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Richard Northrup
State Officials(s): Pete Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Overcast, High Humidity, Mild, 40's
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 14,740 Disturbed- 93 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 93
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ XXX Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

Table with 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows list various permit conditions and standards such as PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; etc.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permittee has made a concerted effort to install additional disturbed area perimeter markers about the mine site. It has been necessary to order additional markers, which, as of today's inspection, have not arrived. In consideration of the amount of snow which is on the ground, the hazardous terrain involved with installing some of these markers, and the fact that no environmental hazard exists, this inspector has instructed the permittee to forego the installation of the remaining perimeter markers until field conditions improve, (approximately May, 1997).

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The permittee is interested in removing most of the silt fence located on the west side of the access road leading to the waste rock site. Mr. Northrup and I looked at the areas this day. There are essentially four areas that would retain their fencing for a total length of about 300 feet. The rest of the fences would have their roof bolt support structures removed, and the filtering fabric would be cut off at ground level, rather than pulled up. According to Mr. Northrup, Ms. Susan White, Mr. Paul Baker, Mr. Robert Davidson, and Mr. Steve Johnson of the DOGM Salt Lake office have all looked at these areas. The vegetation here is probably in the worst condition it can be in to be considered adequate for sediment control purposes. Mr. Northrup indicated an amendment would be forthcoming. A coordinated review with aforementioned personnel is certain.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

An inspection was made of the Deer Creek waste rock disposal site to observe the procedure used to remove noncoal waste from the refuse prior to the leveling/compaction process. A large trackhoe is used to agitate the end dumped piles so that noncoal waste can be removed. Generally speaking, the hoe operator dismounts and picks up what he cannot remove with the hoe's bucket. It was observed that the majority of piles appeared to be very clean, which indicates that the piles are having the trash removed either during or shortly after they are dumped.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Richard Northrup (PacifiCorp) Marcia Petta (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: January 2, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess