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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: 11/7/97 / 8:00a.m.-12:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 10/1/97

Mine Name: Deer Creek Mine County: Emery Permit Number: ACT/015/018
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: PacifiCorp
Business Address: P.O. Box 310, 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: High 40's, Partly Cloudy
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 17,000 Disturbed- 95.79 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded- 95.79
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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include items like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The cleanout of the mine site sediment pond is continuing. Two track hoes were working this day. The smaller hoe was working in the bottom of the pond; the other was loading the trucks. The material that is being shipped is quite soupy. Neilsen Construction of Huntington, Utah is doing the work. Very little, if any slopping over of the cleanout material from the trucks was observed between the loading point and the dump point at the Deer Creek active waste rock site.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The impoundment where the cleanout material from the mine's sediment pond is being placed was very close to capacity. The foreman at the site indicated that only about 50% of the material in the pond has been removed; it will be necessary to excavate another area to place the remaining material. As this material dries, it will be handled again and dispersed throughout the pile.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

Several areas were noted along the C-2 conveyor corridor where the belt has spilled. It was suggested that the permittee evaluate how much spillage exists, and either remove it manually or use a vacuum truck to do so.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The construction work on the waste water absorption field is continuing. Coarse drain rock had been placed in several excavations. Men were not working in this area today due to a project of a higher priority. The plumbing of the new lines in these same trenches appears to be the next step.

**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: Chuck Semborski (PacifiCorp) Henry Austin (OSM)  
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGMA) Filed to: Price Field Office  
Date: November 12, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #46  
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