



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: 10/1/97 / 10:00a.m.-12:30p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 9/12/97

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): Chuck Semborski, Richard Jensen, Dick Northrup
State Officials(s): Pete Hess Federal Official(s): Dennis Winterringer, Gene Hay (OSM)
Weather Conditions: Cool, Lo 70'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: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES; WATER MONITORING; EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; 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 (4th Quarter-April, May, June) (date); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

As noted on the cover sheet, Messrs. Dennis Winteringer and Gene Hay of the Office of Surface Mining in Denver visited both the Deer Creek and the Willow Creek sites this day to look at some areas that were felt to present potential AOC problems upon reclamation. At Deer Creek, both the main facilities area and the Rilda Canyon fan installation were inspected.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

The permittee has repaired the erosion which was apparent on the Rilda fan pad just north of the gate and adjacent to the guard rail.

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

Two areas which were looked at in the main facilities area were the east Canyon wall (which includes several cut benches, one is a MSHA safety berm) and the active fan pad area. The restoration of the Canyon's channel should provide adequate volumes of fill to return the area to AOC. The stability of these areas post mining is the greatest concern to this inspector at this time. The extreme slope of these Canyon walls may present a stability nightmare if it is attempted to grade them to AOC. Mr. John Christensen, P.E., informed me on 10/9/97 that it is Energy West's intent to revisit the reclamation plans for their various mines and address any conspicuous problems noted with same.

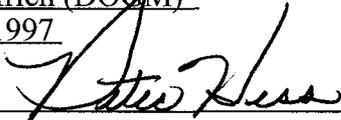
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The cut banks on the east side of the Rilda Fan pad were inspected, as was the road cut which will be reclaimed down to the turn-around area.

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 (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: October 9, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess