



# 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: 3/20/97 / 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m.  
Date of Last Inspection: 2/18/97

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): Mike Dennis  
State Officials(s): Pete Hess Federal Official(s): None  
Weather Conditions: Warm, Sunny, 50's  
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

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
  - 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.
  - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>



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2.     **SIGNS AND MARKERS**

Enough snowmelt has occurred at the Mine that the permittee can now begin the installation of the additional disturbed area perimeter markers which have been requested for several months.

7.     **COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS**

The active waste rock site was inspected this day. Approximately 20 piles of refuse mixed with frozen snow have been placed on the lower pad to allow melting prior to placement on the upper pad. The lower pad area is still very soft; spreading of the piles would probably not be beneficial to the drying process. Only a few pieces of noncoal waste were observed in the piles placed on the upper level. No combustion was apparent.

8.     **NONCOAL WASTE**

The permittee is aware that a general cleanup of the mine yard area is needed. A lot of snow has melted during the last week of unseasonably warm temperatures, revealing trash that has accumulated and been buried during the winter months.

18.    **SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS**

The USFS has aired a concern regarding the vehicular traffic in the Rilda Canyon area to Ms. Susan White DOGM, SLO. An investigation of this concern by this inspector has turned up the following facts:

- 1)     Attachment A **Special Conditions** of the Deer Creek Mine permit ACT/015/018, condition #3 "is for normal working circumstances and does not apply in an emergency situation: Vehicle access will not be allowed in Rilda Canyon from December 1 to April 15 for construction, maintenance and/or repair of the Rilda Canyon Surface Facilities without prior written approval from the Division. Access will be allowed to the Rilda Canyon Surface Facilities through the Deer Creek Mine portals."

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- 2) It is 2.5 miles from the Huntington Canyon State highway to the Rilda Canyon surface facilities/Energy West gate. This is an Emery County road and is maintained (snow removal) by same.

Questions arise as to who has primary jurisdiction with regard as to whether or not it is alright to remove snow (vehicular access). Energy West has indicated that the County maintains the road for the North Emery Water users, as this is the only access to the springs area. Mr. Jack Stoynahoff, Superintendent of the North Emery Water users, indicated to me that he really has no need to access this area during the winter months.

The USFS would like that the road not be plowed at all, in order that the habitat be protected for the wildlife in the area. Bill Bates of Utah Division of Wildlife Resources feels the same. Energy West indicates that they have no need for snow removal on a regular basis. It appears, at least from this inspectors point of view, is that all that is needed is for Energy West Mining Company to request that the County not plow the Rilda Canyon road. This seems to be a reasonable request that is achievable.

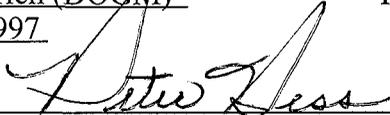
**Note:** This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Chuck Semborski (PacifiCorp) Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGMI) Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: March 24, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #46

Peter Hess