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

INSPECTION REPORT

9/8/98

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Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 9/24/98 / 8:30a.m.-2:00p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 8/13/98

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): Dennis Oakley
State Officials(s): Pete Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Partly Cloudy, Cool, 70's
Existing Acreage: Permitted-17,826.85 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)

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The second quarter impoundment inspections for the Mine were conducted on June 19, 1998, by Rick Cullum. No hazards were reported for either the mine site pond or the active waste rock site pond. A statement of qualification for the ability to inspect impoundments was signed both by Mr. Cullum and Mr. John Christensen, P.E.

4d. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The second quarter water monitoring report for the Energy West mine's was submitted to the SLO-DOG M on August 26, 1998 by Mr. Chuck Semborski and staff. A review of the data submitted for the Deer Creek Mine did not reveal any problems.

Discharge monitoring reports for UPDES points 001A and 002A were reviewed for the months of May, June, and July of 1998. Both discharge points had out falls during those months, without any exceedances. All submittals were timely.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The second quarter waste rock disposal site inspections for the Deer Creek site were conducted by Mr. Rick Cullum and Mr. John Christensen, P. E., on 6/25/98. There were no hazardous conditions or signs of instability noted for any of the three sites (original site underlying the Mine site parking area, the Elk Canyon coal storage pad, and the active waste disposal site). P. E. certification of these reports occurred on 7/8/98.

The containment basins which were constructed at the active waste rock site to allow the drying of the sediment pond clean out material (mine site pond clean out was completed in December 1997) need to have the dried fines dispersed throughout the pile, as indicated by the mining and reclamation plan. This process is pending, and will be taken care of when machinery is mobilized for other projects at this site.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The current liability insurance for the site (policy #X0296A1A98) for general and excess coverage as well as coverage for damage due to explosives usage expires on 2/24/99.

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 (DOG M) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: October 2, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess