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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: 8/13/98 / 8:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 7/16/98

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: Sunny, Hot, 80's, High Cumulus Clouds
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: Item, 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 -Midterm Review-Highwall Issues; 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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1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The mid-point of the permit term for the Deer Creek Mine is August 7, 1998. Accordingly, this permit is currently undergoing the mid-term review process in the SLO. Five issues are pending at this time.

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

During a recent inspection, the silt fence, which runs between the Rilda Canyon fan pad access road and the drainage, was found to have several areas needing repair. The permittee has since repaired the areas. In consideration of the amount of grass which exists in this strip, the permittee feels that it would be wise to remove the fence, rather than continue with the liability of maintaining same. The permittee has had Dr. Patrick Collins of Mt. Nebo Scientific conduct a vegetation survey in this area to determine if the vegetation is adequate to filter the runoff to acceptable limits prior to entering the drainage. If the survey indicates as such, an amendment to remove this fence will be submitted to the Division.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The active waste rock site was inspected this day.

The permittee has repaired the two erosion gullies on the north side of the active waste rock site as noted in the June inspection report. Six inch yellow sandstone cobble was hand placed in the areas to slow the erosive action.

The permittee is in the process of filling and compacting the sediment pond clean out evaporation cells (pond clean out completed November 1997) with more coarse material. About half of the smaller cell has had this completed; the larger cell has had no material placed in it to date. The larger cell contained approximately 20 noncoal waste items (caulk tubes, water and soda containers, etc.) scattered about on its surface. These items were mentioned to Mr. Oakley.

The permittee has established a procedure to remove, on a regular basis, the clean up coal from the C1-C2 transfer area. This coal will no longer be stored in this area. The permittee also intends to look at installing a chute on the C2 conveyor to load the cleanup back on the belt, rather than hauling it to the waste rock site.

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9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE, AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

The permittee has removed the questionable items (storage batteries and other trash) referred to in the July inspection report at the contractors material/equipment storage area (adjacent to the Canyon road/C1 conveyor crossing).

12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING

One of the key issues addressed during the mid term review of the Deer Creek Mine permit was the highwall issue(s) for several areas at the mine site. Mr. Oakley and Mr. Chuck Semborski showed several photographs (portal area and out of service mine fan highwall area) and the company's plans to revisit the reclamation plan for the highwall areas of the site. Mr. Oakley also indicated, during the course of the inspection, that it is Energy West's intent to reclaim the upper safety terrace on the south side of the canyon. Additional monies have been granted by the corporate office to accomplish this goal.

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: August 14, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #46
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