



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

INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: Complete: XXX Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 6/22/98 / 9:15a.m.-3:15p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 5/28/98

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, Warm, 80's, Mild Breeze
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 list 21 categories of permit standards such as PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; etc.



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2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permittee identification signs located at the entrances to the various Deer Creek facilities need to have the telephone number for the PacifiCorp headquarters in Salt Lake City updated. The permittee was previously aware that this update was needed.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The first quarter 1998 impoundment inspections for the site were conducted by Richard Jensen and Chris Barbee on March 12, 1998. Both the mine site pond and the waste rock pond were inspected on this day. There were no signs of instability or other hazardous conditions noted; no changes were noted in the condition of any outcrops. The areas were snow covered. Today's field inspection did not reveal any problems. It appears that the permittee is making preparation to clean the sediment box at the Deer Creek mine site pond.

4d. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The first quarter 1998 water monitoring report for the site was submitted to the SLO-DOGM by Mr. Chuck Semborski on April 22, 1998.

Discharge monitoring reports for the sites two UPDES discharge points were reviewed. No exceedances were noted during the months of February, March and April. Reports are being submitted in a timely fashion, the exception being the April DMR's which were not submitted until June 8, 1998. Mr. Oakley explained the permittee has been experiencing difficulty receiving the lab analyses in an expedient manner. The April results were not received until June 2, 1998. The permittee explained this in a letter to the Utah Division of Water Quality in the cover letter included with the April DMR submittal.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The first quarter 1998 refuse pile inspections for the Deer Creek site were conducted by Richard Jensen and John Christensen, P. E. on March 12, 1998. No signs of weakness or other hazardous conditions were noted on any of the piles. The sites were snow covered. Certification requirements were completed by Mr. Christensen on March 30, 1998.

During today's field inspection, two minor erosion gullies were noted on the most northern embankment of the waste rock site. Mr. Oakley agreed to repair these. No other problems were noted on any of the waste rock sites.

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8. NONCOAL WASTE

The permittee has installed several new covered noncoal waste containers in the employee parking area to prevent the airborne dispersal of trash. A few minor items were picked up by Mr. Oakley this day.

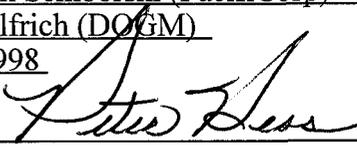
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

There is a stockpile of coal (cleanup of spillage) in the C1-C2 conveyor transfer area. The pile is fairly large; this is not a designated coal storage area. Mr. Oakley agreed to have the pile cleaned up/removed.

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: June 23, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess