



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: 2/25/98 / 7:30a.m.-3:30p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 1/16/98

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, Richard Northrup, Richard Jensen

State Officials(s): Pete Hess Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Clear, Cold, 20's, Some Wind, Fresh Snow, 8"

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

- 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)_____ (date)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

Fourth quarter impoundment inspections for the Deer Creek mine site sediment pond and the waste rock pond were conducted by Richard Jensen and John Christensen, P. E., on December 16, 1997. No signs of instability or other types of hazards were noted for either pond. P.E. certifications were completed on January 14, 1998.

4d. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The fourth quarter water monitoring report for the Deer Creek Mine was submitted to the DOGM SLO on February 6, 1998 by Mr. Chuck Semborski, Sr. Environmental Engineer.

UPDES discharge monitoring reports for the months of October, November, and December, 1997 and January 1998 were reviewed. No problems were noted; all submittals were timely.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Fourth quarter impoundment inspections for the mine site sediment pond and the waste rock pond were conducted by Mr. Richard Jensen and Mr. John Christensen, P. E., on December 16, 1997. No hazards or signs of instability were noted for either pond. P.E. certification requirements for the above inspections were fulfilled by Mr. Christensen on January 14, 1998.

Similarly, the quarterly waste rock pile inspections for active site, the Elk Canyon coal storage pad, and the old waste rock site were conducted on December 29, 1997. No problems were noted for any of the sites by Mr. Christensen during his inspections. Certification requirements for same were fulfilled on January 15, 1998.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES

According to Mr. Richard Jensen, the Emery County road which provides the surface access to the Rilda Canyon fan installation is not having the snow removed by the County. This is the result of a request by the U.S. Forest Service-Manti-Lasal National Forest (at the request of the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources) not to plow same due to the areas Elk-Deer winter range habitat classification. At this time, all requests/agreements between the various agencies are verbal.

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14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL

According to Mr. Dennis Oakley, the 1997 annual subsidence report for the Energy West mines is still in the compilation stage. Annual report's for Utah's various mines are due March 31, 1998.

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: March 2, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess