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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: 1/16/98 / 7:30a.m.-10:30a.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 12/12/97

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): Richard Jensen
State Officials(s): Pete Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Overcast, Cool, 30'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

- 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 categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

NOTE: All areas of the Deer Creek Mine are under snow; depths range from two to four inches.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The active waste rock site was inspected this day. All recently dumped piles have been leveled and compacted. The larger of the two incisions which were created to hold the mine site sediment pond clean-out appears on the surface to be drying out. Frozen pooled water was obvious in the NW corner of the other area. When the drying process is complete, the fines will be distributed through the entire site.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The permittee has completed the work on the waste water absorption field. An inspection of the project was conducted by Mr. Dave Ariotti, P.E. of the Southeastern Utah District Health Department on November 18, 1997. Based on the discussions held by the attendees and the inspection of the site, PacifiCorp was given the clearance to place the field in operation. A copy of Mr. Ariotti's letter granting his approval is attached.

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: January 20, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #46  
Peter Hess



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December 23, 1997

Mr. John Christensen  
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Re: Deer Creek Mine Drain Field Replacement

Gentlemen:

On November 18, 1997, an inspection of the referenced project was conducted. The following individuals participated in the inspection:

Richard Jensen, Energy West  
Ed Riggle, Energy West  
David Ariotti, Division of Water Quality

Based upon the inspection and discussion of the project with the individuals listed above, we have determined the project is substantially complete according to approved plans and specifications and may be placed in service.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 637-3671.

Sincerely,

David R. Ariotti, P.E.  
Southeast District Engineer

cc: Don Ostler, Director Division of Water Quality  
Claron Bjork, Southeastern Utah Dist. Health Dept.