



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: 4/22/99 / 7:30a.m.-12:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 3/30/99

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, Cool, 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: 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; 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)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

On April 6, a meeting was held at the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, Price Field Office, to discuss Energy West's desire to change the access requirements for the Rilda Canyon surface facilities area. The permittee is proposing to amend the MRP to allow the hauling of road base, gateroad support units, and ventilation stopping material for mining activity in the North Rilda area. This would result in a considerable savings in material transportation for the applicant. The meeting was attended by representatives of Energy West Mining Company, the USFS, UDWR, and UDNR/OGM. The preparation of a permit amendment to address this is underway.

A reclamation plan is being prepared to address three portal breakouts in the Grimes Wash/9th East area of the Deer Creek Mine. The portals are sealed, and were relative to the ventilation of the coal seam which is being mined by the Deer Creek Mine. Same are depicted on drawing #WS449D, Cottonwood Mine Surface Yard Map.

Mr. Dennis Oakley and I inspected the area this day. The amount of fill available for this work is not excessive; it may be necessary to increase the amount of disturbance in the area to adequately reclaim the portals. A small drainage is adjacent to the middle portal. An adequate design for the post mining drainage may be necessary to prevent a re-exposure of the reclaimed portal. Flow volumes in the area are unknown.

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The permittee is aware that four of the sediment control basins along the C-1/C-2 conveyor corridor are in need of cleaning. As noted today, the basins are still capable of functioning as designed.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

It was not possible to inspect the sewage leach field which is adjacent to the C-2 conveyor this day. The conveyor was running; there is not a designated crossover point in the area, (30 CFR 77.205 (f)).

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: April 23, 1999

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess