



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: 7/22/99 / 7:30a.m.-11:00a.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 6/29/99

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, Hot
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 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)

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

A rather large catch basin has been in place for numerous years on the north side of the C1/C2 conveyor transfer access road base. Numerous precipitation events have cut on the inlet to this basin, (minor erosive action). It was recommended that riprap be placed here to prevent further erosion. Mr. Oakley suggested the possibility of installing a rock check to reduce flow velocities prior to same entering the inlet.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

Neilson Construction employees were employed at the active waste rock site this day removing noncoal waste items from the numerous piles of coal mine waste which is shipped from the Deer Creek Mine tippie. This is performed just prior to the leveling/compaction process. Piles which had been picked appeared to be free of all noncoal waste items. All piles are sifted and picked through several times (according to the Neilson Construction supervisor) prior to leveling and compaction.

Although all of the piles had not been picked through during today's inspection, the volume of noncoal waste in the pile, as compared to the volume observed during the July inspection has been reduced significantly. According to the Neilson supervisor, approximately three tractor/trailer loads of noncoal waste are removed per lift from the active waste rock site.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

Today's inspection of the Mine main facilities area, particularly the bulk rock dust tank area, the spare tire storage area, and the areas behind several sheds revealed that for some reason, house keeping practices and the proper disposal of noncoal mine waste has not been adequately addressed. The Mine has been idled for approximately one month, with regular yard personnel being on vacation. Mr. Oakley was distressed at the situation, and indicated that the yard would receive a thorough cleaning as soon as possible.

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 10, 1999

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess