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RE: Utah Power and Light
Wilberg Mine
ACT/015/018-B
Emery County, Utah

DATE: September 7, 1982 and September 28, 1982
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p.m.. (9-28-82)
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STATE OFFICIALS: David, Lof, Tom Munson, and John Whitehead

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situation and reads as follows:

Nature of Concern

Prevention of additional contributions of sediment to runoff outside the permit area. Passing all surface drainage from the disturbed area through a treatment facility.

Pertinent Regulation or Permit Condition

40-10-18(2)(i)(ii)
817.41 (d)
817.42 (a)
817.45 (i)

Portion of the Operation to Which Notice Applies

The undisturbed drainage channel on the south west side of the Class II road adjacent to the material storage yard and adjacent to the South Wilberg construction area.

Compliance Action Required

1. Provide a means of treatment for drainage coming from the channel noted above.
2. Provide for regular inspection and maintenance of treatment method.

Additionally, in the construction of the road to access the south Wilberg development the road will be passing adjacent to the headwall for the diversion of the undisturbed stream channel. Some concern was noted as to the elevation this road will achieve and if it will be in excess of the height of the headwall. The potential exists for material to be knocked down into the undisturbed diversion headwall area. The operator was advised to watch this area for future problems during construction of this road.

Surface drainage on the road to the fan showed some ponding was evident but of no significant concern.

A small area of the minesite on the western side of the truck loadout loop road, and just south of the tipple, appeared to potentially allow drainage from the disturbed area to enter the undisturbed drainage on the west side of the tipple pad. The operator was asked to address this situation with straw bales or some other means to prevent disturbed area runoff from entering the undisturbed drainage ditch without treatment of some kind.

The uppermost sediment pond was in need of some work to rectify the settling which had occurred on the northeast side of the pond. Val Payne of Emery Mining Corporation indicated that the settling had been present since July 27, 1982. Larry Guymon of Emery Mining Corporation, is formulating a contract to repair the pond and return it to full operating capacity. No date could be offered as to when the contract would be up for bid.

817.52 Surface and Ground Water Monitoring

NPDES permit UT0022896 issued November 30, 1981, and expiring on June 30, 1986, was on file at the Emery Mining Corporation offices. The permit allows mine water discharge and sediment pond discharge into the right and left fork of Grimes Wash. Mine water data for June, July and August was on file and in compliance.

817.71 - .73 Disposal of Underground Development Waste and Excess Spoil and Non-acid and Non-toxic forming Coal Processing Waste

A new waste rock disposal site had been completed with the exception of revegetation of the berm slopes as called for in the approved plan. The approved plan specifies seeding of grasses at the rate of 20 pounds per acre and fertilizer applied at a rate of 50 pounds per acre. The revegetation of the berm should be conducted this fall. The undisturbed drainage channel diversion routing undisturbed drainage at the upper end of the waste rock site away from the site was one area of concern noted by inspectors. The diversion ditch may require some sort of channel lining or revegetation in order to ensure compliance with UMC 817.43(c).

817.97 Protection of Fish, Wildlife, and Related Environmental Values

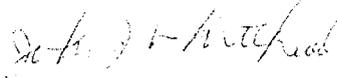
In a letter dated March 8, 1982 Emery Mining Corporation requested that a U.S. Fish and Wildlife survey of their power poles be undertaken. Mr. Lynn Kunzler of the Division has sent a letter to Fish and Wildlife Service dated August 18, 1982 requesting that Utah Power and Light mines be surveyed.

817.100 Contemporaneous Reclamation

The old access road to the fan area which is approximately due west of the parking lot, was an area of concern noted in NAOC 81-4-5-2, which requested plans be submitted for reclamation of this access road. Plans were received from Emery Mining Corporation on January 14, 1982 and a response by Andrew Burton, of the Division was sent March 2, 1982. Mr. Burton's response requested additional information from Emery Mining Corporation. As of the date of this inspection, no response has been received from Emery Mining

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Corporation. In a phone conversation on October 6, 1982, Mr. Val Payne was requested to submit a response to Mr. Burton's letter by October 15, 1982. A concerted effort should be made to assure that this area is addressed this fall during optimal seeding conditions in order to comply with requirements contained in UMC 817.100 concerning contemporaneous reclamation.



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Statistics for:

John Whitehead - see Hiawatha memo dated October 15, 1982
Dave Lof and Tom Munson - see Deer Creek memo date October 15, 1982