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RE: Utah Power & Light Company
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On June 16, 1983 DOGM Field Specialist Ken Wyatt conducted a partial inspection of the Wilberg operation. The Miller Canyon breakouts were inspected by hiking up the canyon. The openings are fenced and marked by a sign. The highwalls above the openings have slumped some but this creates no immediate problems. No water was observed on the mine's side of the fencing. No problems were evident.

The binwall for the South Wilberg portal development was almost complete. The culvert draining the undisturbed water from above the portals was observed protruding from the lower section of the binwall. The disturbed area drainage system had not yet been tied into the existing disturbed area drainage collection system.

The reclamation of the Wilberg fan access road was discussed with Mr. Guymon. It was brought to light that about a 75-foot section of the stream channel alongside this road would need to be rip-rapped. The access to the road for the reclamation work would be across the stream channel and would continually be crossed during the reclamation activities. Due to the facts that the flow in this channel is still quite high and the spring planting season has passed it seems more logical to hold off the reclamation work until later this summer or early fall. By waiting to reclaim until the stream flow subsides, sediment transport will be minimized and the reclamation work can be conducted closer to a favorable planting season. This will minimize erosion by not exposing regraded surfaces to wind and rain erosive potentials. Due to all of these factors this reclamation work will be postponed until late summer or early fall. This will allow for a one time reclamation effort on the access road.

The waste rock disposal area was inspected. Mr. Guymon indicated that approximately one more month of waste rock production could be disposed of in the existing second cell. Upon returning to this office and perusing the history and files on the waste rock site, it was determined that an inconsistency exists in UP&L's action and what they stated would be done. The waste site was approved on February 25, 1983 with two stipulations. These stipulations were accepted on March 1, 1983 in a letter from UP&L. The second stipulation reads as follows:

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The first disposal site, having been fully utilized according to the approved plan, must be reclaimed by May 1, 1983 and revegetated with at least a temporary stabilizing cover until permanent revegetation plans, now being included in the overall Wilberg Mine plan, can be approved and implemented.

If UP&L does not expect to immediately commence reclamation activities on this site due to future plans to utilize the area for storage of an additional four-foot lift of waste rock material, such plans, along with documentation of or application for BLM approval, must be submitted to the Division by May 1, 1983. In the later case, UP&L must also commit to stabilization and revegetation of the existing berm surrounding the first disposal site by May 1, 1983.

This discrepancy will be further examined on subsequent inspections.

No other compliance problems were observed during this inspection.

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KW/btb

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Joe Helfrich, DOGM

Statistics:

See UP&L's Church Mine memo dated June 28, 1983.
Grant: A & E