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inspection report

Permit No. Act/015/019
Inspection Date 2/19/92

Permittee/Operator Name PacifiCorp Electric Operations
Business Address Box 310
City Huntington State Ut Zip 84528
Mine Cottonwood/Wilberg ☐ Surface ☒ Underground ☐ Other
County Emery State Ut
Company Official(s) Gerald Pollack, Bob Willey
State Official(s) Bill Malencik
Time of inspection 9:00 ☒ a.m. ☐ p.m. to 2:00 ☐ a.m. ☒ p.m. ☒ Partial ☐ Complete
Date of last inspection 1/23/92 Weather conditions Clear/Cool
Acreage 11532 ☐ Permitted 102 ☐ Disturbed ☐ Regraded ☐ Seeded 102 ☐ Bonded
Enforcement Action None
✓ Suggested routine maintenance items

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	COMMENTS
1. Permits	☐	☐	☐	☐
2. Signs and markers	☒	☐	☐	☐
3. Topsoil	☐	☐	☐	☐
4. Hydrologic balance				
— Stream channel diversions	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Diversions	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Sediment ponds and impoundments	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Other sediment control measures	☒	☐	☐	☐
— Surface and groundwater monitoring	☐	☐	☐	☐
— Effluent limitations	☐	☐	☐	☐
5. Explosives	☐	☐	☐	☐
6. Development waste and spoil disposal	☒	☐	☐	☐
7. Coal processing waste	☒	☐	☐	☐
8. Noncoal waste	☒	☐	☐	☐
9. Protection of fish, wildlife, and related environmental values	☐	☐	☐	☐
10. Slides and other damage	☐	☐	☐	☐
11. Contemporaneous reclamation	☐	☐	☐	☐
12. Backfilling and grading	☐	☐	☐	☐
13. Revegetation	☐	☐	☐	☐
14. Subsidence control	☐	☐	☐	☐
15. Cessation of operations	☐	☐	☐	☐
16. Roads				
— Construction	☐	☐	☐	☐
— Drainage controls	☒	☐	☐	☒
— Surfacing	☐	☐	☐	☐
— Maintenance	☒	☐	☐	☒
17. Other transportation facilities	☐	☐	☐	☐
18. Support facilities and utility installations	☒	☐	☐	☒

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General Comments

Guy Davis was working on a mine project out of state and Val Payne made arrangements for Gerald Pollack, engineering/survey on PCEO, and Bob Willey of Energy West to accompany the undersigned on the Cottonwood/Wilberg inspection

Reviewed and discussed with Mr. Payne pending items which primarily concerned follow on the waste rock site.

Also mentioned a letter the permit supervisor had sent on transfers of mine properties

Covered all disturbed areas with the exception of the Cottonwood Creek disturbed area

Stream Channel Diversions The two forks of Grimes Wash, an undisturbed diversion, was not running water. The upper watersheds still contained snow but no significant melting was taking place. Mine water was being discharged into Grimes Wash at an approved outfall, estimated at 5gpm or less, and was clear, no detectable odor and no foaming. Water sample was not taken.

✓ Diversions Several drop drains were checked on the upper, middle and lower pads. No runoff was observed coming out

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onto the pad on any of the drop drains. However, several of the drop drains had a partial ice buildup. Water could be observed flowing. Nevertheless, suggest the drop drains be given a routine spring clean up/and checkup to avoid any potential problems.

Sediment Pond. Both ponds contained runoff and were iced over. The ponds when surveyed were found to exceed the 20 foot embankment. Paperwork on this matter is still under review and when completed such ponds and records associated therewith will be considered MSHA ponds by the operator and the Division. Mr. Payne mentioned they are going to contact MSHA about a variance as related to weekly inspections. The MSHA offices according to my understandings are as follows.

Orangville MSHA Office: Field Office
Price - SubDistrict Office
Denver - District Office.

The regulation (MSHA) state District Mgr. has some discretionary authority relating to approving variances on MSHA ponds.

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Coal Processing Waste. The waste rock site was snow covered except where coal waste was being stored. The Dos Bue Dove sediment material on the upper end has not yet been spread out and incorporated with coal waste. Although snow covered, it does not appear any on the ground changes have been made in response to the outstanding Division Order. The operator responded to the order on 12/24/91 and the operator is following up on items as requested by the Division.

Road. A gravel berm had been constructed near the former guard shack. The berm lies between to road curbs and above a small road drainage diversion. The berm was constructed because of a coal spill on the road, no evidence of such since all the coal had been cleaned. The purpose of the berm was a preventative measure to preclude coal from getting into the road diversion. Remove temporary berm.

Other Support Facilities. Went up to the Deer Creek portals. The portals have been sealed. A gas and water monitoring lines have been installed in the seals.

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