



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: 8:25AM to 12:15 PM
Date of Last Inspection: 9/26/00

Mine Name: Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine County: Emery Permit Number: AC
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 Official(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Cold, 30's to 40's Fahrenheit; light snow on upper ridge
Existing Acreage: Permitted 11508 Disturbed 102 Regraded Seeded
Status: Exploration Active XXX Inactive Temporary Cessation Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I Phase II Final Bond Release Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

- 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 4 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include categories like PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK; AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

The permittee has submitted a Phase I bond release application (ACT/015/019-BR00D) for the Cottonwood Fan Portal Reclamation; deficiencies to the round one review were received by the applicant on September 26, 2000.

Amendment ACT/007/038-AM00A has been submitted to revise the sediment control areas of the Cottonwood permit area; one of these revisions will now include a portion of one of the topsoil piles located along the waste rock site's access road into the site's disturbed area/permit boundary. The topsoil pile had previously been bisected by the disturbed area/permit boundary line.

The permittee has also submitted revised maps to reflect the completion of the 9th East portals reclamation as part of AM00A.

4A. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

All diversions which were inspected were capable of functioning as designed.

4C. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The area has received heavy amounts of rainfall within the last twenty-four hour period. The silt fences which were inspected at the waste rock site appeared to be functioning as designed; all contained water in the upstream containments.

The site contains four alternative sediment control areas inside the active disturbed area. These will be inspected during the next complete inspection, pending satisfactory weather conditions.

4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

Due to a reason unknown to this inspector, it was necessary for the permittee to resubmit the discharge monitoring reports for both the Cottonwood/Wilberg and Trail Mountain Mines for the months of January, April, and May of 2000. These reports were reviewed along with the June, July, and August 2000 UPDES reporting forms.

The following was determined during today's review; the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine has five UPDES outfalls. Of these, only 001A, 003A, and 004A generally see flows. Outfalls 002A and 005A did not have flows reported for any of the six months reviewed. None of the outfalls reporting flows had any exceedance of monitoring parameters. All reporting forms were submitted in a timely fashion.

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7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The active lift at the waste rock disposal site contains many end-dumped piles. Some of the piles contain noncoal waste. According to Mr. Oakley, it has been quite some time since the piles were spread, sorted through for removal of noncoal waste, and then leveled and compacted. This waste rock facility is operated in a manner similar to the Deer Creek waste rock facility, in that the noncoal waste is allowed to remain on the pile until the permittee decides it is time to level and compact the lift.

There were no signs of instability nor any spontaneous combustion noted at the site. The sediment pond contained a large volume of water due to the recent precipitation event.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

Portions of the Cottonwood Mine yard area were inspected. There were no compliance issues noted relative to same.

Inspector's Signature: _____



Peter Hess #46

Date: October 13, 2000

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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