

December 8, 1980

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

#7
RE: Bear Creek Canyon Mine
Co-op Mining Company
Emery County, Utah
ACT/015/025

The above-mentioned mine was visited by Joe Helfrich, Tom Portle and Sandy Pruitt of the Division and Eileen Doherty of OSM on October 27, 1980, to terminate violations (80-1-6-6) issued on September 30, 1980. Wendell Owen of Co-op Mining Company accompanied us on the inspection. Near the beginning of this inspection, Mr. Owen realized that he had not abated the violations adequately and asked us to return on the abatement date.

Eileen Doherty, Tom Portle and Sandy Pruitt returned to complete the follow-up inspection with Wendell Owen on October 31, 1980.

Surface drainage from disturbed areas above the material storage yard is passed through the sediment pond. A small retention basin was constructed to collect drainage from the material storage yard and adequately abate Violation #3. The design for this retention basin should be included in the permanent plan to be reviewed. Mr. Owen was asked to reconstruct the berm around the topsoil stockpile to retain drainage from Bear Creek.

Violation #5 was abated with the installation of a cross culvert for the main access road at the upper end of the material storage yard.

Mr. Owen claimed that the towers stored in the materials storage yard could not be removed until the upper pad area is complete. The towers were moved closer together to reduce the disturbed area and undisturbed drainage was diverted around the towers as an alternate, but adequate abatement measure for Violation #6.

Mr. Owen called the Division on October 29, 1980, to request for an extension on unabated violations. Jim Smith granted a 30-day extension for abatement of Violation #1, failure to operate in accordance with approved plan, and Violation #4, failure to maintain access roads until November 30, 1980.

The abatement for Violation #2, regarding sidecasting, is November 30, 1980. Co-op should demonstrate a long-term static safety factor of 1.5 for the materials deposited on the downslope of the access roads and bench cuts. An undesignated set of data points and an unspecific formula were recently submitted to the Division by an uncertified engineer. Mr. Owen claims that Dames & Moore are late in submitting the required evidence, and has requested an extension on the abatement date.

A follow-up inspection is required to determine if Violation #4 has been adequately abated.

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Bear Creek should operate in accordance with the stipulations for tentative approval agreed upon on March 31, 1980. The area will be inspected again to determine if the area is in compliance with the stipulations before final approval is given and the Company can begin mining.

SANDY PRUITT ^{SP}
RECLAMATION OFFICER

cc: Tom Ehmett, OSM

SP/btm

Statistics:

See Rilda Canyon memo dated November 10, 1980.