

April 21, 1983

Inspection Memo
to Coal File:

RE: Co-op Mining Company
Bear Canyon Mine
ACT/015/025
Folder No. 7
Emery County, Utah

A partial inspection was performed on April 13, 1983 by John Whitehead accompanied by Scott Nordness of Viking Engineering Services. The purpose of the inspection was to follow up on several areas of concern noted in the previous inspection.

The disturbed area diversion ditch southeast of the bathhouse which had been the subject of NOV N82-5-2-10, #9 of 10 was once again experiencing maintenance problems. Flow appeared to have the potential of exiting the ditch and flowing into Bear Canyon Creek. The operator agreed to address the situation while this inspector was on-site, therefore no enforcement action was warranted.

The outlet of the culvert conveying disturbed area drainage into the newly constructed catch basin near the scales was completely covered with dirt. Once again the operator rectified the problem during the inspection.

The power pole installation west of the catch basin near the scales, which was the subject of NOV N82-1-5-1 showed no evidence of revegetation or seedling emergence. Additionally there was no evidence of any culvert installation as required in the abatement action for this NOV. Follow up on this will be conducted during the next inspection. The power pole which is southwest of the coal stockpile pad (also the subject of NOV N82-1-5-1) did show good seedling emergence over the most of the area.

Some erosion was noted near the switchback of the road to the crushing and sizing facility. This will need to be addressed prior to the next inspection. The drainage in this area needs to be conveyed to a defined diversion in order to avoid significant erosion from occurring.

Plans for abatement of NOV N83-5-2-2, #2 of 2 were discussed with Mr. Nordness during the inspection. He indicated that the undisturbed drainage which is adjacent to the coal crushing and sizing facility, and is the subject of this NOV, is going to be considered disturbed area drainage and routed to the sediment pond. Plans for this were received during the time of this inspection.

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The uppermost pad was reviewed and a barricade which was supposed to have been installed and maintained to abate NOV N82-5-2-10, #1 of 10 was no longer in place, leaving the potential for Co-op Mining employees to inadvertently use this pad. Use of this pad prior to written Division approval to construct and use it will result in enforcement action. Additionally, some discussion was undertaken concerning sidcasting in construction of this pad once approval is received. It appeared to this inspector that sidcasting would not be an acceptable means to bring the elevation of this pad down.


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