

May 23, 1985

TO: Coal File, Inspection and Enforcement Folder  
FROM: David Lof, Mining Field Specialist   
RE: Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, Folder #7, Emery County, Utah

A partial inspection was conducted at the above mentioned mine on April 30, 1985. I was accompanied on the inspection by Tom Braidech of EPA.

Hiawatha Seam Portal, NOV N85-4-8-2, #1 of 2

This violation was issued on March 12, 1985 for the development of a pad for access to the Hiawatha seam. The operator was required to cease all activities on the pad and slopes affected by the pad development immediately. In addition, the operator was required to submit complete plans to the Division for approval of the pad development by March 27, 1985.

On April 1, 1985, the Division received plans for the operators proposed development of the Hiawatha seam pad. On April 23, 1985 the Division sent the operator a letter directing the operator not to proceed with any further development or activity in the Hiawatha seam except for; sealing the portal, regrading the pad area to the approximate original contour, and reseeding the area by May 17, 1985.

At the time of this inspection, it did not appear as though any additional disturbance of the Hiawatha seam pad had taken place.

Mine Water Discharge, NOV N85-4-13-1

This violation was issued on April 23, 1985, because the operator was discharging mine water to the sediment pond in violation of their interim permit. They were required to stop discharging water from the mine immediately and to submit complete plans to the Division for the permitting of mine water discharge to the surface, by May 8, 1985.

At the time of this inspection, I found that water was still discharging from the mine at approximately five gallons per minute. Because of this Cessation Order C85-4-4-1 was issued on May 2, 1985 for the operators failure to abate Notice of Violation N85-4-13-1. The operator was required to comply with the remedial actions in the NOV, Part A, immediately.

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Sediment Pond

The level of the water in the sediment pond was several inches below the crest of the principal spillway.

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Statistics: See Genwal Coal Company, Crandall Canyon Mine memo dated May 23, 1985

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