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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: 1/10/97 / 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 12/26/96

Mine Name: Bear Canyon Mine County: Emery Permit Number: ACT/015/025
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Co-Op Mining Company
Business Address: P. O. Box 1245, Huntington, Utah 84528
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Charles Reynolds
State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Cold, Teens, Sunny
Existing Acreage: Permitted- 1531 Disturbed- 29.09 Regraded- 0 Seeded- 0 Bonded- 29.09
Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-
Status: Exploration/ XXX Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture
Reclamation (Phase I/Phase II/Final Bond Release/Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- 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 5 columns: EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows 1-21 list various permit conditions and their evaluation status.



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(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

The permittee needs to install additional disturbed area perimeter markers in the area known as the "ball park". Many of the markers which were in place have either been knocked over by wildlife (and are now snow covered) or have been removed by local children, residents, etc.

4a. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: DIVERSIONS

Most of the diversions at the site are still snow covered. The diversion ditches, which are visible, need to be redefined as soon as the frozen ground is workable. Mr. Reynolds is aware of this.

There has been some gravitational movement associated with the nearly vertical cut bank 200 feet SW of the Tank seam fan pad road gravel storage area. The material is in the road ditch. Mr. Reynolds indicated he would have the material removed, and monitor the banks stability. The bank's composition is mostly large boulders. It would be extremely difficult to cut the bank back to provide a more stable slope.

18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

The permittee needs additional cleanup work around the conveyor transfer points associated with the truck loading area. Coal which was observed last month in the ditches has been removed. However, Chapter 3, page 35 of the mining and reclamation plan says that "spillage of coal or other materials (will) be reduced to a minimum. Inadvertent spillage will be removed as soon as possible." Mr. Reynolds said that the spills are being caused by a lack of maintenance on the conveyor skirting rubber associated with the transfer points. This is due to the push to get the tippie expansion project completed. Mr. Reynolds indicated that the spills would be cleaned up.

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

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Co-Op Mining Company Marcia Petta (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: January 13, 1997

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess