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STATE OF UTAH
NATURAL RESOURCES
Oil, Gas & Mining

File
ACT/041/002

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INSPECTION REPORT

Permittee and/or Operators Name: Southern Utah Fuel Company
Business Address: P.O. Box P Salina, UT 84654
Mine Name: Convulsion Canyon Permit Number: ACT/041/002
Type of Mining Activity: Underground Surface Other
County: Sevier
Company Official(s): Norm Harris
State Official(s): Hollank Shepherd
Inspection Date and Time: 10-17-86 11:00 - 1:30
Partial: Complete: Date of Last Inspection: 9-17-86
Weather Conditions: Sunny - warm, no runoff
Acreage: Permitted 694 Disturbed 27.79 Regraded 0 Seeded 0 Bonded 27.79
Enforcement Action: none

COMPLIANCE WITH PERMITS AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

	YES	NO	N/A	Comments
1. PERMITS	()	()	()	()
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	()	()	()	()
3. TOPSOIL	()	()	()	()
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:	()	()	()	()
a. STREAM CHANNEL DIVERSIONS	()	()	()	()
b. DIVERSION'S	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	()	()	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
c. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	()	()	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
d. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	()	()	()	()
e. SURFACE AND GROUNDWATER MONITORING	()	()	()	()
f. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	()	()	()
5. EXPLOSIVES	()	()	()	()
6. DISPOSAL OF DEVELOPMENT WASTE AND SPOIL	()	()	()	()
7. COAL PROCESSING WASTE	()	()	()	()
8. NONCOAL WASTE	()	()	()	()
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES	()	()	()	()
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	()	()	()	()
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	()	()	()	()
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	()	()	()	()
13. REVEGETATION	()	()	()	()
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	()	()	()	()
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	()	()	()	()
16. ROADS	()	()	()	()
a. CONSTRUCTION	()	()	()	()
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	()	()	()	()
c. SURFACING	()	()	()	()
e. MAINTENANCE	(<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	()	()	()
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	()	()	()	()
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES AND UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	()	()	()	()

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Comments

4.a. Stream Channel Diversions:

No runoff was apparent coming from the site during the course of this inspection, nor was there any water in the stream channel diversions. However, water was noticed coming from the outlet of the bypass culvert at the rate of approximately 20-30 gpm. This point usually discharges at a rate of over 200 gpm. The water was depositing an iron stain on down the creek bed from the mouth of the culvert outlet. I later determined that the water had originated from discharge point 001, inside the bypass culvert. I obtained water samples at both the bypass outlet and the discharge point.

Regarding discharge point 001, the operator had indicated several months ago (see inspection reports for 6-17-86 and 7-16-86), that discharges from this point would be discontinued because of problems with iron concentrations. In a later discussion with Mr. Mike Davis, of Sufco, I was informed that a valve had not been tightened down adequately allowing some water from the operator's mine water pumping system to escape into the iron pipe which discharges at point 001. In any case it is still not the operator's intent to continue to use this discharge point, at this time. However, the operator has indicated to me that the mine would like to retain this discharge location for possible use at a later point in time when mining production evolves to another part of the mine. The discharge point is still permitted under the operator's current NPDES permit, and can be used as long as the effluent limitations are being met.

The Division would like to see the discontinuance of this discharge point until the iron pipe flushing problem can be resolved. In a discussion with Mike Hercamer of the State Bureau of Water Pollution Control, I was informed that, though his agency did not have a high level of concern for the discharge situation, they would still like to have the operator back flush the pipe before discharging or initially discharge into the sediment pond. The first few minutes of discharge are when the highest levels of iron are encountered.

4.b. Diversions:

The operator has upgraded the riprapping along the diversion which crosses below the first switchback on the east substation service road.

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Inspector's signature and number: Walter Shepley #9 10-24-86