

0010



State of Utah
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

INSPECTION REPORT

Michael O. Leavitt
Governor
Ted Stewart
Executive Director
James W. Carter
Division Director

1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801
(801) 538-5340
(801) 359-3940 (Fax)

Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 4/2/98 / 8:00a.m.-2:00p.m.
Date of Last Inspection: 3/11/98

Mine Name: SUFCO Mine County: Sevier Permit Number: ACT/041/002
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company
Business Address: 397 South 800 West, Salina, Utah 84564
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Mike Davis
State Officials(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: High Velocity Winds, Snow, Cold
Existing Acreage: Permitted-17308.25 Disturbed-67.8 Regraded-0.5 Seeded-0.5 Bonded-67.8
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: Item, EVALUATED, N/A, COMMENTS, NOV/ENF. Rows include: PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE; SIGNS AND MARKERS; TOPSOIL; HYDROLOGIC BALANCE; DIVERSIONS; SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS; OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES; WATER MONITORING; EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS; EXPLOSIVES; DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES; COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS; NONCOAL WASTE; PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES; SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE; CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION; BACKFILLING AND GRADING; REVEGETATION; SUBSIDENCE CONTROL; CESSATION OF OPERATIONS; ROADS; CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING; DRAINAGE CONTROLS; OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES; SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS; AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June)(date); AIR QUALITY PERMIT; BONDING & INSURANCE.



INSPECTION REPORT
(Continuation sheet)

Page 2 of 2

PERMIT NUMBER: ACT/041/002

DATE OF INSPECTION: 4/2/98

(Comments are Numbered to Correspond with Topics Listed Above)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

It is now known that ARCH Minerals of St. Louis, Missouri is in the process of acquiring the Canyon Fuel Company Mines in Utah. The finalization of this sale should occur by May 15, 1998.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The permittee is currently decanting the mine site sediment pond. Based on the fourth quarter and annual 1997 sediment pond inspection report which was certified by Mr. Wes Sorensen, P.E., it appears that this pond is in need of cleaning. The permittee intends to re-evaluate the sediment level in this pond as soon as weather conditions permit, and take action accordingly.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The snow which was on site last month has since melted, accumulating in the waste rock sediment pond as it should. Ground conditions at this site are quite soft, preventing the deposition of fresh material. The temporary storage site adjacent to the noncoal waste storage at the mine site is near capacity. No problems were observed this day at the road side active waste rock storage site.

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: Mike Davis (Canyon Fuel) Henry Austin (OSM)
Given to: Joe Helfrich (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office
Date: April 3, 1998

Inspector's Signature:  #46
Peter Hess