



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: 8/2/2000 / 8:30A.M.-3:30P.M.
Date of Last Inspection: 7/11/2000

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: Hot, Dry, 90's
Existing Acreage: Permitted-17621.29 Disturbed-70.189 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-70.189
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 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.

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Note: The Sevier County area is in severe drought; the fire danger level is at extreme.

3. TOPSOIL

The vegetation on the topsoil and subsoil piles at the waste rock site is dormant.

4b. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The waste rock sediment pond and its associated decant pond were dry. The water level in the mine site sediment pond is low.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

The end-dumped piles of coal mine waste which were observed in July have since been leveled and compacted. The area has been gone over, and much of the noncoal waste material which was observed last month has been removed. There were no fires, signs of instability or other hazardous conditions noted.

The vegetation on the last lift which has been reclaimed is brown to light green, also indicating that it is nearly dead. All of these reclaimed lifts will be evaluated by the Department of the Interior, Office of Surface Mining during the month of August.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

A few noncoal waste items (potato chip bags, soda cans, etc.) were observed on the upper slope above the mine site sediment pond. The permittee is continually picking this area up, and it generally is in good condition. Wind transported trash is part of the problem here. Mr. Davis made note of the items; they will be picked up.

9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

JBR Environmental Consultants has completed the baseline or pre-subsidence monitoring for the archaeological rock shelter designated as 42SV2492. This site lies over the 14 Left 4<sup>th</sup> East long wall panel, which is currently being extracted. The undermining of this shelter should occur within the next month.

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20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT

The truck loading/coal storage area was observed to be very dry this day. Although much of the area is paved, the permittee normally uses several means of water dispersal to control fugitive dust here.

21. BONDING AND INSURANCE

The permittee has received a new general liability insurance coverage form for the site; as noted in last month's inspection report, the old coverage ended on July 31, 2000.

**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: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM) Filed to: Price Field Office

Date: August 7, 2000

Inspector's Signature: *Peter Hess* #46

Peter Hess