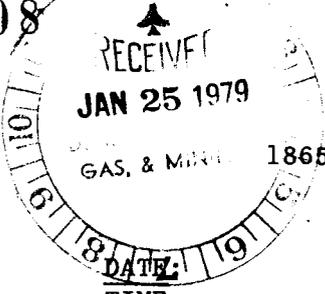


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UTAH COAL AND ENERGY (BLACKHAWK)

1865 S. Main St. - #11, Salt Lake City, Utah 84115

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10/10/79 TJS

DATE: 8 January, 1979
 TIME: 8:30 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.
 WEATHER: Cloudy and cold, with snow cover
 COUNTY AND STATE: Summit County, Utah
 STATE PERMIT NO: ACT/043/001
 COMPANY OFFICIAL: None present at mine site
 STATE OFFICIAL: Mike Thompson and Tom Suchoski
 OSM OFFICIAL: Larry Damrau

This inspection was conducted to follow-up on the Notice of Violations, (No. 78-V-4-1) issued to the company on November 30, 1978. As the area was covered with snow, it was quite evident that mining operations had not taken place for several weeks. The only recent activity observable was bladework by a dozer which had cleared snow from access roads throughout the affected area.

During the inspection, the Oil, Gas and Mining personnel and I were able to question Mr. Jim Hagerty of Wescar, Inc. who is presently drilling the area for possible purchasing of the lease area. Mr. Hagerty stated that he had observed no mining on the area since 10 November, 1978. He stated that his explorative drilling operations included any recent road clearing activities observable. A small amount of surficial material and snow, (approximately 2-5 yd³) which the dozer had deposited within the creek bed in order to clear a path to the creek for the watertruck, was brought to the attention of Mr. Hagerty. He stated that he would repair the situation.

Mr. Mike Thompson of the State Division of Oil, Gas and Mining informed me that as far as he was aware, Wescar, Inc. was in compliance with the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act notice of explorative drilling requirements.

As well as could be determined, no remedial measures had been initiated on-site, to abate the violations issued on November 30, 1978.

State MR Form 1 and MR Form 2 and comments received December 29, 1978 and addendum to the above material received January 12, 1979, were reviewed at the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining. The data submitted was found to be extremely lacking in any form of DETAILED mining and reclamation plans. The Office of Surface Mining, Region V, does not believe that such general statements constitute a practical mining and reclamation plan and that approval based on such, would not be in the best interest of the company or of regulatory agencies involved.

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