

July 6, 1984

Inspection Memo
to Coal File

RE: Blackhawk Mine
Utah Coal and Energy Company
INA/043/001, Folder #7
Summit County, Utah

Joe Helfrich and Sandy Pruitt met with Jack Higgins, a private consultant working for Bennett Leasing Company which took over the Utah Coal and Energy Company, at the Blackhawk Mine site on June 8, 1984. Jack Higgins reported on May 16, 1984, that the bridge across Chalk Creek had almost completely failed from flooding into the foundation of the stream banks. DOGM inspectors visited this site to inspect the bridge to determine if it was possible to access the mine site for the berm repair work necessary in abatement of the Ten Day Notice X-83-2-31-2-1. By this inspection it was obvious that crossing the bridge would be too hazardous, therefore a complete inspection of the mine site could not be conducted.

Instead, the inspectors discussed mine development plans with Jack Higgins. First off, Bennett Leasing intends to build a new bridge instead of repairing the old bridge or installing a railroad car for use as a temporary bridge. Bennett Leasing is considering submitting an application to mine over 250 ton of coal in exploration and at the same time will submit a mining permit application. Bennett Leasing is proposing interim stabilization of the mine site and highwalls above the portal. There may be recoverable equipment inside the mine and they expect to salvage some equipment at the mine site itself. Mr. Higgins mentioned that there are transformers on site containing PCB's which will require special handling and disposal. For Mine development Bennett Leasing has tentative plans to drive five new entries at the west end of the property instead of accessing the mine through the existing portals.

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NOTE:

For statistics see Boyer Mine Memo dated July 6, 1984.