

COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY COAL PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT



PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-046 Mine Name: Sunlight Mine Operator: Garfield Energy Corporation Operator Address:	County: Garfield Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Revoked Ownership: Private
X X, CO 11111	Operator Representative Present: None
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)	
<u>INSPECTION INFORMATION</u>	
Inspection Start Date: July 8, 2013 Inspection Start Time: 13:00	Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weathern Classes

Inspection End Date: July 8, 2013 **Weather:** Clear **Inspection End Time:** 15:00 **Joint Inspection Agency: Joint Inspection Contacts:** None **Post Inspection Agency: Post Inspection Contacts:** None **Inspector(s): Inspector's Signature: Signature Date:** Brak Sauls Brock F. Bowles September 10, 2013 David A. Berry

Inspection Topic Summary

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection N - Roads

N - Availability of Records N - Reclamation Success

N - Backfill & Grading N - Revegetation

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Subsidence

N - Explosives
 N - Slides and Other Damage
 N - Fish & Wildlife
 N - Support Facilities On-site
 N - Signs and Markers

N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Other N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Processing Waste N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a partial inspection of the Sunlight Mine conducted by Brock Bowles and David Berry of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The permit for this mine was revoked and the bond was forfeited. The reclamation was completed by the Division. Weather conditions were sunny and warm. The ground was dry.

The purpose of this inspection was to evaluate the lower portal subsidence noted in previous inspection reports (June 2013, April 2013, September 2012, September 2010). The subsidence is located in the tall grass approximately 12 feet inby of the lower portal seal (photo 1). The subsidence hole is approximately 3 feet deep and 5 feet across. The hole was visually inspected to determine if the mine shaft was exposed. No openings to the mine were noted. A stick was then used to prod around the edges of the subsidence to look for any possible openings to the mine shaft. None were noted. The surface area inby of the subsidence was inspected to look for any additional signs of subsidence. None were noted.

It was determined that the subsidence did not pose an immediate threat to public safety but the subsidence needed further evaluation. Steve Renner of the DRMS Abandoned Mine Lands program will be notified to further evaluate the subsidence.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Location of Subsidence at Lower Portal