



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



**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-041 <b>Mine Name:</b> Roadside Portals <b>Operator:</b> Snowcap Coal Company, Inc <b>Operator Address:</b> Ms. Tonya Hammond P.O. Box 1430 Palisade, CO 81526	<b>County:</b> Mesa <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Permanent Cessation <b>Ownership:</b> Federal
<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  Tonya Hammond	
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  Issued from Grand Junction Field Office	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> November 19, 2013 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 08:30 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> November 19, 2013 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 12:00	<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Cloudy
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Michael P. Boulay	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Michael P. Boulay</i> <b>Signature Date:</b>  11/21/13

**Inspection Topic Summary**

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

N - Backfill &amp; Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; Wildlife

Y - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

R - Other

R - Processing Waste

Y - Roads

N - Reclamation Success

N - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

NA - Support Facilities On-site

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

NA - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine conducted on November 19, 2013 by Mike Boulay, Dan Hernandez, and Rob Zuber of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS). Tonya Hammond of Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) and Jim Stover of J.E. Stover & Associates, Inc were present during the entire inspection. Rudy Fontanari a landowner whose property is located within the mine permit boundary in the vicinity of the North Decline area and to the south of this location was on site at the time of the inspection in the vicinity of his active gravel pit operation, but he did not accompany us on this inspection. Weather conditions were cold and overcast. Ground conditions were mostly dry.

OTHER (Review of Fontanari objections regarding bond release application SL-8):

On October 7, 2013 Mr. Fontanari filed a formal written objection to the pending bond release application SL-8. Prior to the submittal of his objection letter Mr. Fontanari voiced his concerns about several areas located both within and outside of his property boundary. The DRMS arranged an on-site meeting with Mr. Fontanari to specifically inspect each area of the site where he had concerns. This was conducted on September 18th and an inspection report was issued on September 25, 2013. Please refer to the DRMS Inspection Report dated September 25, 2013 for a detailed description of each location that Mr. Fontanari has raised concerns about which are also the focus of his October 7, 2013 objection letter.

The primary purpose of this inspection was to view those areas identified in Mr. Fontanari's October 7, 2013 objection letter with other members of the DRMS. During this inspection we revisited the North Decline area, the two gravel pits associated with the Western Slope Flagstone Quarry No. 2, DRMS Permit No. M-1996-076, which Mr. Fontanari owns and operates, the Carey Pond and associated irrigation field, and the lower and upper irrigation ditch and pipeline, respectively. Mr. Fontanari diverts water from Rapid Creek to his active gravel pit via the upper irrigation ditch pipeline and in the past has also diverted water from Rapid Creek via the lower irrigation ditch to the Carey Pond. The gravel pit, location of the upper irrigation pipeline and lower irrigation ditch are shown in attached Photograph No's 1-3.

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**PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES – Rule 4.10 and 4.11**

Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

The CRDA-1 and CRDA-2 waste piles were viewed and appeared to be stable. Terrace drains and perimeter ditches are maintained and functional. The RSRDA at the South Portal area was in very good condition with no erosion or instability noted (see Photograph No. 4). No problems were identified at any of the refuse disposal sites during this inspection.

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**

None

**OTHER (SPECIFY)**

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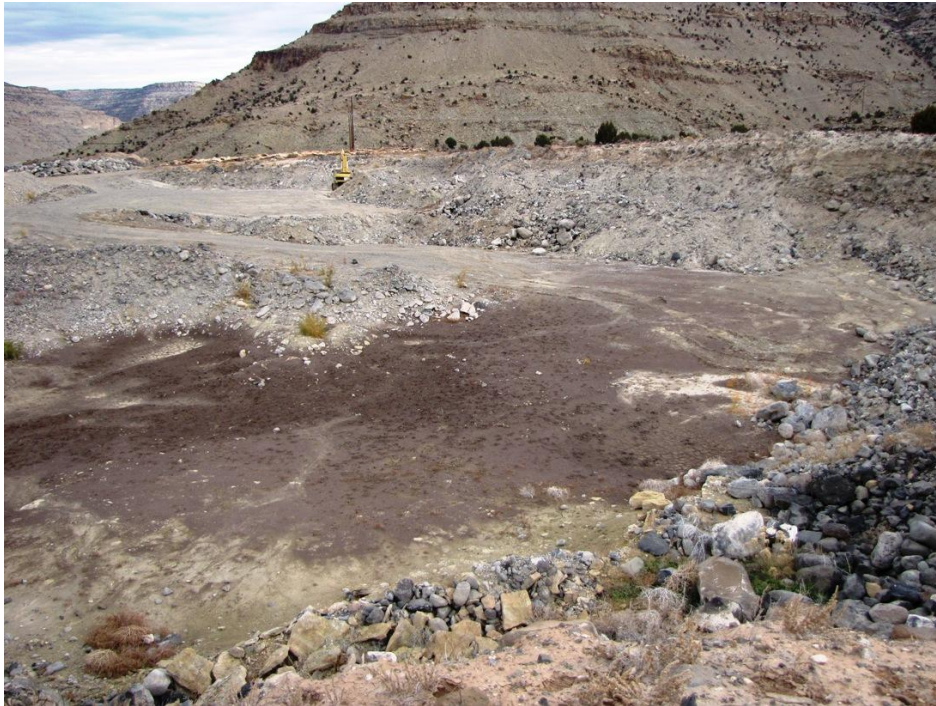
**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

No enforcement actions were taken as a result of this inspection and none are pending.

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## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photograph No. 1 - Fontanari active gravel mining operation



Photograph No. 2 - Cut slope and bench where upper irrigation pipeline is buried.

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Photograph No. 3 – Lower irrigation ditch



Photograph No. 4 – Roadside South Refuse Disposal Area

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