




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



PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-013 Mine Name: Golden Eagle Mine Operator: New Elk Coal Company, LLC Operator Address: Mr Ron Thompson 12250 State Highway 12 Weston, CO 81091	County: Las Animas Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private
Operator Representative Present:	
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: December 18, 2013 Inspection Start Time: 11:00 Inspection End Date: December 18, 2013 Inspection End Time: 11:30	Inspection Type: Aerial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear
Joint Inspection Agency: None	Joint Inspection Contacts:
Post Inspection Agency: None	Post Inspection Contacts:
Inspector(s): Leigh D. Simmons Harry B. Ranney	Inspector's Signature:  Signature Date: December 24, 2013

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	R - 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 - Hydrologic Balance	N - Signs and Markers
R - 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 an aerial inspection. Pictures were taken by Harry Ranney of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (the Division) during a flight on December 18, 2013. Conditions were overcast, but the air was clear. A little snow was on the ground on shaded northerly aspects.

Two permitting actions are in progress, these are detailed under the heading GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE.

On November 26, 2013, Cline Mining announced that they had received the 90-day notice of resignation of Mark Haywood as President, CEO and director. Doug Blackburn has been hired by Cline Mining to act as General Manager of New Elk Coal Company (NECC). Mr Blackburn is employed as a contractor, rather than a permanent employee of either company.

GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

TR57 is in progress. The proposed decision due date has been extended to December 31, 2013. The Division is waiting on a response to the last adequacy review.

An application for Permit Renewal (RN6) was received on December 19, 2013. The Division found the application complete on December 23, 2013.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15**Vegetative Cover; Timing:**

The grassland and upland vegetation reference areas showed no sign of recent disturbance.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

N/A

OTHER (SPECIFY)

N/A

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 4

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions are in progress, and none are required as a result of this inspection.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: The vegetation reference areas; grassland - purple; upland - orange

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