



COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

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| MINE NAME: Neilson Pit | MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2007-026 | MINERAL: Sandstone (silica, st quartzite) | COUNTY: Moffat |
| INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring | INSPECTOR(S): Stephanie J. Mitchell | INSP. DATE: March 12, 2014 | INSP. TIME: 13:00 |
| OPERATOR: Colowyo Coal Company L.P. | OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Kurtis Blunt | TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact | |

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| REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program | BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond | BOND AMOUNT: \$342,400.00 |
| DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA | POST INSP. CONTACTS: None | JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None |
| WEATHER: Clear | INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: <i>Stephanie J. Mitchell</i> | SIGNATURE DATE: April 1, 2014 |

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

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| (AR) RECORDS----- <u>Y</u> | (FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u> | (RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u> |
| (HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u> | (BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u> | (EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u> |
| (PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u> | (SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u> | (TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u> |
| (MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u> | (FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u> | (RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u> |
| (SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u> | (SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u> | (SB) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>N</u> |
| (ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u> | (SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>Y</u> | (RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u> |
| (AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u> | (OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>N</u> | (ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u> |

Y = Inspected and found in compliance / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This was a monitoring inspection of the Neilson Pit Pit; DRMS File No. M-2007-026 operated by Colowyo Coal Company. This site is located in Southwest Moffat County. I, Stephanie Mitchell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection. Mr. Kurtis Blunt of Colowyo accompanied me on the inspection.

This is a small 9.9 acre 110c mining operation. The mine entrance sign was posted and the boundaries were marked. Several piles of mined material were located east of the excavated area. Overall, mining appears to have begun in the western portion of the site and is advancing east. There is a drainage ditch to convey runoff on the south side of the permit area.

There are no topsoil stockpiles on site due to the nature of the rock outcrop being mined. There was no equipment at the site. Colowyo is in compliance with the mining plan as well.

All other activities and completed work at the time of inspection appeared to follow the guidelines and regulations set forth by the state and in the mining and reclamation plans for the pit.

PHOTOGRAPHS

There are no photos included in this inspection report due to technicalities.

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