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# **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1981-028 Mine Name: Keenesburg Strip Mine Operator: Coors Energy Company Operator Address: Mr. Danny Kipp P.O Box 467 Golden, CO 80402 County: Weld Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private

**Operator Representative Present:** 

Mark Quinby

**Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)** 

## **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Inspection Start Date: July 18, 2 Inspection Start Time: 08:00 Inspection End Date: July 18, 20 Inspection End Time: 12:15			<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partia <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal <b>Weather:</b> Clear	*
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Post Inspection Agency:		Post	Inspection Contacts:	
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspecto	r's Sig	gnature:	Signature Date:
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#### **Inspection Topic Summary**

Roads Reclamation Success Revegetation - Subsidence	
Revegetation	
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- Subsidence	
Slides and Other Damage	
Y - Support Facilities On-site	
Signs and Markers	
- Support Facilities Not On-site	
- Special Categories Of Mining	
Topsoil	

## **COMMENTS**

The weather was clear and hot. The ground was dry. The inspection entailed observation of the site with Mark Quinby of Coors Energy Company (CEC).

During the inspection, OSMRE was conducting a field exercise at the site as part of an NTTP Soils and Revegetation class.

### BACKFILL and GRADING - Rule 4.14

Contemporaneous Reclamation 4.14.1; Approximate Original Contour 4.14.2; Highwall Elimination 4.14.1(2)(f); Steep Slopes 4.14.2, 4.27; Handling of Acid and Toxic Materials 4.14.3; Stabilization of Rills and Gullies 4.14.6:

During the inspection, no backfill or grading operations were taking place. The spoil pile is considerably smaller than in previous months.

### HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05

Drainage Control 4.05.1, 4.05.2, 4.05.3; Siltation Structures 4.05.5, 4.05.6; Discharge Structures 4.05.7, 4.05.10; Diversions 4.05.4; Effluent Limits 4.05.2; Ground Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Surface Water Monitoring 4.05.13; Drainage – Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18:

Standing water was observed in Sediment Pond 2 and the Dugout Pond. Neither pond was discharging during the inspection. No problems were observed with the two ponds.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

Regarding the erosion at the northeast corner of the B Pit, CEC staff plan to repair this in near future, as noted in past inspection reports.

Area 34 (southeastern corner of the site) was inspected to evaluate the general grade of this area. Based on visual

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- In west/east direction, the slope is less than 1 percent.
- From northwest to southeast, the slope is less than 1 percent.

The dots on the following figure show the approximate locations of end points for estimating the slopes. The green dots are the end points for the west to east slope measurement. The blue dots are the end points for the northwest to southeast slope measurement. (The lines with "A", "B", "C" etc. are transects from the SL-09 bond release analysis in GIS.)



REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15 Vegetative Cover; Timing:

One of the OSMRE course instructors, Ed Vasquez (PhD Ecologist), informed DRMS that the students in the class identified the following predominant species during the vegetation exercise: cheatgrass, sand dropseed, and several wheat grasses.

TOPSOIL – Rule 4.06 Removal 4.06.2; Substitute Materials 4.06.4(4); Storage and Protection 4.06.3; Redistribution 4.06.4:

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 1 Number of <u>Complete</u> Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0 No significant erosion was seen on the piles – only small rills.

## ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Remaining spoil pile



Area 34, looking east from point near middle of western edge

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Spillway for Sediment Pond 2



Erosion near north end of B Pit