

Permit Number: C-1981-028

Mine Name: Keenesburg Strip Mine

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## **PERMIT INFORMATION**

County: Weld

**Operation Type:** Surface

Operator: Coors Energy Company Operator Address: Mr. Danny Kipp		Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private
P.O Box 467		<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>
Golden, CO 80402		Danny Kipp
Operator Representative Signatu	ıre: (Field	d Issuance Only)
<u>INSPECTION INFORMATION</u>		
Inspection Start Date: January 25, 2019 Inspection Start Time: 08:15 Inspection End Date: January 25, 2019 Inspection End Time: 09:40		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint Inspection Contacts:
None		
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:
None		
Inspector(s):	Inspecto	or's Signature: Signature Date:
Robert D. Zuber, P.E.	Phot	D. 2L
		1/25/2019

#### **Inspection Topic Summary**

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

Y - Air Resource Protection Y - Roads

 ${f N}$  - Availability of Records  ${f N}$  - Reclamation Success

NA - Backfill & Grading
N - Revegetation

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Subsidence

NA - Explosives
Y - Slides and Other Damage
Y - Fish & Wildlife
Y - Support Facilities On-site

 ${f R}\,$  - Hydrologic Balance  ${f N}\,$  - Signs and Markers

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
N - Support Facilities Not On-site
N - Other
NA - Special Categories Of Mining

NA - Processing Waste R - Topsoil

### **COMMENTS**

The partial inspection was conducted by Rob Zuber of DRMS. The Coors Energy Company (CEC) employee who participated in the inspection was Danny Kipp. The weather was clear and cold. The ground was covered with snow in most areas.

Per Danny Kipp, CEC's plan for a Phase II bond release application in 2019 has not changed since this was discussed in October 2018: they plan to submit an application for Areas 31, 32, and 33 in 2019; likely this will be prior to the summer of 2019. The next Phase I application will likely be near the end of the year.

#### 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:

Water/snow/ice levels in Sediment Pond 2 and the Dugout Pond were not near the spillways. Neither pond was discharging during the inspection. No problems were observed with the two ponds.

#### TOPSOIL – Rule 4.06

Removal 4.06.2; Substitute Materials 4.06.4(4); Storage and Protection 4.06.3; Redistribution 4.06.4:

Recent disturbance was seen at the south end of Topsand Pile A-1. Per Danny Kipp this has been moved to the roads south and east of Area 25. These roads appeared to have received topsand recently, although the snow on

the ground precluded a thorough observation of this area.

Per Danny, some topsand has been spread over 50 percent or more of the remaining area of B Pit, although the entire depth has not yet been spread. He still needs to spread the B horizon of topsand over much of the former pit area.

Topsand Pile A-3 was observed from all sides. No significant erosion problems were seen.

# **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Dugout Pond** 



**Topsand Pile A-1** 



Road between Area 25 (left) and Area 2 (right)

## Topsand has been laid down here (no topsand in foreground)



Looking north at north end of B Pit



Permit boundary north of Sediment Pond 2



**Topsand Pile A-3**