

Permit Number: C-1981-028

Inspector(s):

Robert D. Zuber, P.E.

Mine Name: Keenesburg Strip Mine

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PERMIT INFORMATION

County: Weld

Operation Type: Surface

Operator: Coors Energy Company	Permit Status: Active				
Operator Address:	Ownership: Private				
Mr. Danny Kipp	•				
1801 California Street	Operator Representative Present:				
Suite 4600					
Denver, CO 80202	Danny Kipp				
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Operator Representative Signature: (Field	d Issuance Only)				
INCODE CONTON INDODINATION					
INSPECT	ION INFORMATION				
Inspection Start Date: May 22, 2019	Inspection Type: Coal Complete Inspection				
Inspection Start Date: May 22, 2017 Inspection Start Time: 07:45	Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program				
Inspection End Date: May 22, 2019	Weather: Cloudy				
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Inspection End Time: 10:00					
Joint Inspection Agency:	Joint Inspection Contacts:				
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Inspector's Signature:

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Signature Date:

5/22/2019

Inspection Topic Summary

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

Y - Air Resource ProtectionR - Availability of RecordsNA - Backfill & Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives R - Fish & Wildlife R - Hydrologic Balance

 $\boldsymbol{R}\,$ - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

NA - Processing Waste

Y - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

R - Revegetation **NA** - Subsidence

Y - Slides and Other DamageR - Support Facilities On-site

Y - Signs and Markers

NA - Support Facilities Not On-site NA - Special Categories Of Mining

R - Topsoil

COMMENTS

A complete inspection was conducted by Rob Zuber of DRMS and Danny Kipp of Coors Energy Company (CEC). The weather was partly cloudy and cool. The ground was muddy from recent snow (approximately four inches May 20 - 21) and rain (May 19 - 20). Over an inch of water was in the site rain gage, per CEC staff (Mark Q.).

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1):

The records were not found to be complete. The findings document for Midterm 07 was not in the records onsite, nor was the Reclamation Cost Estimate from the midterm.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Several species of wildlife were seen during the inspection. At Sediment Pond 2 observed birds included, but were not limited to, two pelicans, ducks, an owl, a hawk, a sandhill crane, and killdeer. A lone coyote was seen on the long term spoil area. Two hawks were seen in a tree by a nest south of Area 25 (slightly outside the existing permit boundary). A fox was seen running away from Topsand Pile A-1. Danny Kipp noted that he recently saw fox kits playing near the dock on the facilities area.

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 was observed in the two ponds, but levels in both ponds were several feet below the spillways, and neither pond was discharging during the inspection. Nor were there signs that they had discharged recently. No problems were observed with the two ponds.

The ditch along the north perimeter was found to be in good shape.

GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

The undisturbed area north of B Pit and along the western permit boundary was inspected, and it appeared that there has been no disturbance in this area.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

No problems were seen with any reclamation parcels. The particular areas that were inspected closely (by driving through them in a utility task vehicle) are 30, 31, and 32. The vegetation cover looks very good. Significant cheat grass (Bromus tectorum) was seen around the site, but the Division has accepted that this is an ongoing problem on-site and all around the site, and CEC has made a very good effort over the years to control this undesirable grass. Furthermore, the Division has no reason to believe that CEC will not continue to make a concerted effort at controlling cheat grass.

REVEGETATION - Rule 4.15

Vegetative Cover; Timing:

An unknown plant was seen east of the Dugout Pond (see photo below). The Division will try to identify the species.

SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:

No problems were seen at the facilities area.

TOPSOIL – Rule 4.06

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

Danny Kipp indicated that the movement of topsand has been limited by ground conditions due to weather and by mechanical problems with the scraper. Spreading of topsand has been completed on the north half of B Pit. Also at approximately 50 percent completion in terms of finished area is the spreading of topsand on the long term spoil area.

No significant erosion problems were seen at any of the topsand piles. Both of the topsand piles north of the long term spoil area are dwindling in size. The one to the northwest in particular (B horizon) is now very small compared to early in the year.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

PHOTOGRAPHS



Unidentified plant between Dugout Pond and facilities area



Sediment Pond 2



West Perimeter Ditch, looking east with Sediment Pond 2 in background (under trees)



West Perimeter Ditch, looking west toward northwest corner of site



Remainder of B Horizon topsand in pile north of spoil area



Undisturbed area north of B Pit

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 8 Number of <u>Complete</u> Inspections this Fiscal Year: 4



Looking south at Area 32 (on left) and undisturbed area (on right)



Looking south at Areas 32 (foreground) and 31



Facilities area



Dugout pond, Area 25, and long term spoil area

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

DRMS Permit Exp. Nov 2021 NPDES Permit NA Permit Application w/Revisions Yes NPDES Permit NA Permit Application w/Revisions Yes NPDES Permit NA Permit Application w/Revisions NA Insurance Certificate Exp. 111/12019 Stormwater Management Plan NA Insurance Certificate Exp. 111/12019 SPCC Plan Updated 2012 MSHA Pond Inspections NA March 2016) Phased Bond Release SL-09	PERMIT RECORDS		HYDROLOGIC RECORDS		
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*3 – No explosives used since 1995.