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Via Electronic Transmittal

July 18, 2019

Janet Binns
Division of Reclamation, Mining & Safety
1313 Sherman St., Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

Re: Bowie Resources, LLC, Bowie No. 2 Mine
Coal Mine Waste Banks & Instrumentation Monitoring
Pond Quarterly Inspections
Permit C-1996-083

Dear Ms. Binns:

Enclosed please find the referenced reports for the 2nd quarter of 2019. BRL is still waiting on the Geotech testing summary and report. It will be forwarded under separate cover once it becomes available.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Tamme Bishop

Tamme Bishop, P.E.
Project Engineer

cc: Basil Bear

QUARTERLY POND INSPECTION REPORT

Operator:	Bowie Resources LLC	Quarter:	Second 2019
Mine:	Bowie No. 2 Mine - C-1996-083	Inspection Date:	04-Jun-19

Pond Identification	B	C	D - Gob Pile	F - New Gob	J UTL East	K UTL West
Type of Pond	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment	Sediment
Status During Inspection:						
Approximate Water Level	5944	5992	Puddle	5948	5848	Damp
Sediment (% remaining)	90%	90%	85%	80%	90%	80%
Outflow (cfs)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Features	Problem Yes/No	Problem Yes/No	Problem Yes/No	Problem Yes/No	Problem Yes/No	Problem Yes/No
Erosional						
Rills & Gulleys	No	No	No	No	No	No
Inadequate Vegetation	No	No	No	No	No	No
Outlet Channel Erosion	No	No	No	No	No	No
Burrows	No	No	No	No	No	No
Other	No	No	No	No	No	No
Structural						
Differential Settling	No	No	No	No	No	No
Cracks or Slides	No	No	No	No	No	No
Seepage	No	No	No	No	No	No
Other	No	No	No	No	No	No
Appurtenant Structures						
Defective Spillways	No	No	No	No	No	No
Dewatering Devices Clogged	No	No	No	No	No	No
Faulty Gates, Etc.	No	No	No	No	No	No
Other	No	No	No	No	No	No

Additional Comments

Design depth measured from pond bottom to invert of emergency spillway:
Pond B=10, C=10, D=10, J=10, K=3, F=10' TD
Pond Bottom Elevations B=5942, C=5990, D=5970, J=5846, F=5944, K=5819
Pond B about a two of water and was below the primary spillway.
Pond C held about between 1-2' of water and was below the primary spillway.
Pond D was held less than a foot of water and was below the primary spillway.
Pond J held between 2-3' of water.
Pond K was wet with no standing water visible.
Pond F held about 4' of water.

SWMP components evaluated as part of this inspection. No corrections necessary at this time.

Name of Inspector: Tamme Bishop

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BOWIE RESOURCES, LLC

Bowie No. 2 Mine

Coal Mine Waste Bank Nos. 1, 2, & 3 Inspections –2nd Quarter 2019

On June 4th, 2019, a visual inspection of the Bowie No. 2 Mine coal mine waste banks was performed by the undersigned in accordance with Rule 4.10.2. This inspection includes Gob Pile Nos. 1, 2, and 3. Pile No. 1 is considered inactive. Pile no. 2 is located north of Bowie Road. Pile no. 3 is located south of Bowie Road.

I, Tamme Bishop, P.E., have a wide variety of experience in the design and construction of earth fill embankments. Nothing was observed during the inspection that would indicate the piles have a potential for failure. The slips discussed in the 4Q 2016 and 1Q 2017 report had been regraded to the design contours and show no evidence that would be cause for concern of slipping again. A fair cover of volunteer vegetation has been established.

A small area of seepage discussed in past reports, at the toe of gob pile #2 and west of the haul road has begun to seep again, however there is no movement or slips associated with the seep. There are no windrows remaining on top of gob pile #2. All organic material and topsoil has been removed ahead of the waste bank founding. The diversion ditches were cleaned out during June, 2017 and were in good repair. The upper diversion and lower ditches at gob pile #3 were inspected, and were in good condition, however the upper diversion ditch should be cleaned out during 2019. The lower diversion ditch (J3) was cleaned out in May 2017, the Operator plans to clean it out again this spring or summer. A new seep has been discovered at gob pile #3, north of the east drying area. At this time, the seep will not impact the long-term stability of the gob pile. However, before final placement and compaction of gob in the footprint of the east drying area, an underdrain will be installed. Approval of the underdrain design was incorporated into the permit under Technical Revision No. 105.

At gob pile #2, the first bench east of the haul road is covered with soil. The second bench east of the haul road is mostly covered with a subsoil pile. Most of the third and forth benches east of the road are covered with soil. Soil has been placed on most of the second and third benches west of the haul road.

There was no coal mine waste was generated from the preparation plant during the quarter. Coal mine waste is to be placed in the piles in approximately horizontal lifts no more than 24-inches thick. The coal mine waste is dried and then spread and compacted by self propelled sheepsfoot compactors. There were seven compaction tests were taken at gob pile #3 during the quarter. There were no compaction tests taken at gob pile #2 during the quarter.

The top of gob pile #2 can serve as a drying area for end dumped gob, however, no gob is currently stockpiled on top of the pile. Gob is to be stacked to a maximum height of 20 feet, with a slope angle up to 1.5h:1v. A 25-foot buffer zone on the face of the gob pile will be maintained at all times. Gob will be spread and compacted to the currently approved slope configuration as soon as gob and weather conditions allow.

The westernmost and easternmost sections of gob pile #3 serve as drying areas for end dumped material. The purpose of the gob drying area is to provide an area for temporary storage of gob for drying purposes. End-dumped gob in the gob drying areas is worked with dozers and track hoes to assist in the drying process. There was no work at gob pile #3 during the inspection although placement and compaction efforts have occurred during the second quarter.

During active mining conditions, it is necessary to stockpile gob material at gob pile #3 during the winter months, then place and compact the stockpiled gob when weather allows. Stockpiling of gob can commence November 15 and end April 15. Winter stockpiled material will be re-handled and compacted by September 30. Beginning on October 1, the Operator should be compacting all material concurrently, until conditions again require stockpiling. The stockpiling dates listed above should be considered flexible and may change slightly from year to year based on weather conditions. The gob material will be stockpiled in rows generally running from northwest to southeast. The rows of gob will be placed in a controlled manner and overlap will be minimized so there is space between rows to allow for drainage to the southeast. Windrows were located on top of the pile and contained gob that had been hauled out of the west drying area.

The available volume of coverfill material is sufficient to meet the requirements of Rule 4.10.4(5). No coverfill was used for blending or other uses during the quarter.

A failure of the gob pile no. 1 would probably not be a hazard to human life. The pile is located above a large flat bench. The bench is approximately 80 to 150-feet wide directly below the pile. Additionally, the gob pile sediment pond is located below the pile. If the coal mine waste bank failed, the material would very likely be contained on the bench below the pile and or within the gob pile sediment pond.

A failure of gob pile no. 2 would probably not be a hazard to human life. A residential dwelling is located over 300-feet below pile no. 2. The piles are located above Bowie Road. A failure of the piles might damage Bowie Road and the Fire Mountain Canal but would not likely impact the residential dwelling.

A failure of gob pile no. 3 would not be a hazard to human life. A failure of the pile might damage the rail track below the pile. A small slip/slide occurred in February on the southern edge of the pile, no offsite damage occurred. The road at the toe of the pile was covered with gob making it inaccessible to vehicles.

I certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the fill and other aspects of the coal mine waste banks have been constructed as permitted in the design approved by the DRMS.

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