



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-041 Mine Name: Roadside Portals Operator: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. Operator Address: MS Tonya Hammond P.O. Box 1430 Palisade, CO 81526	County: Mesa Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: NA
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: May 6, 2020 Inspection Start Time: 11:42 Inspection End Date: May 6, 2020 Inspection End Time: 11:43		Inspection Type: Aerial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: None	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: None	
Inspector(s): Clayton Wein Brock Bowles	Inspector's Signature: <i>Clayton Wein</i>		Signature Date: 5/11/2020

Inspection Topic Summary

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

N - Backfill & Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

R - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

Y - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was an aerial inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine, conducted on May 6, 2020. The photographs were taken by Brock Bowles of the Division and this report was written by Clayton Wein of the Division. The weather was clear at the time of the inspection and the ground conditions were dry.

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:

At the time of the inspection the ground conditions were dry. The reclaimed disturbance associated with the TR-69 repair area was also dry. There were no erosional features, such as rills or gullies, at the site. The sediment logs were intact and no off-site impacts were observed.

Evidence of recent flow into Carey Pond was seen (Photo 1). There appeared to be a damp spot in the bottom of the pond connected to damp soil from the inlet to the pond. Evidence of flow in the landowner's ditches was seen at the south end of the Tract 70 Mesa (Photo 2). There was no evidence of flow through the ditches located at the north end of the Tract 70 Mesa (Photo 3).

ROADS – Rule 4.03

Construction 4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3), Drainage 4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4), Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and (6), Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

Access roads throughout the mine site were stable and in good repair. There were no indications of erosional features.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The only permitted disturbance remaining at the mine site is associated with the area repaired under TR-69. The area is located to the south of the reclaimed portals and Kokopelli Fruitstand, on top of the mesa. The area has been reclaimed since November of 2019. The site was backfilled to approximate original contour, topsoiled and then reseeded. The site was stable and there were no indications of erosion (Photo 4). There were

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no indications of settling at the surface. Vegetation seeded in the fall has started to grow at the site. There were no indications of re-disturbance to the site.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None

OTHER (SPECIFY): None

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ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS

Red arrows in the photographs indicate the approximate direction of north.



Photo 1: The Carey pond, outlined in the blue circle is the damp area indicating recent flow of water and water in the bottom of the pond.



Photo 2: The south end of the Tract 70 Mesa. The blue circles outline the damp locations in the ditches.

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Photo 3: The north end of the Tract 70 Mesa. The ditches located at the north end of the mesa were observed to be dry.



Photo 4: The TR-69 repair area. Vegetation can be seen greening and growing in at the site. No off-site impacts had occurred.

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