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Twentymile Coal Company
29515 RCR #27
Oak Creek, CO 80467

Attn: Miranda Kawcak

Job Number: 99-3983

Subject: Quarterly Observation Report, Refuse Pile, Foidel Creek Mine, Routt County, Colorado.

Miranda,

As requested, NWCC, Inc. (NWCC) has prepared this report outlining our observations made during the fourth quarter of 2021 at the Refuse Pile located at Twentymile Coal Company's (TCC) Foidel Creek Mine in Routt County, Colorado. During this quarter, Timothy Travis of NWCC visited the project site on December 30, 2021 to provide the quarterly inspection/observations of the Refuse Pile.

At the time of our site visit on December 30, 2021, NWCC completed a site inspection of the existing refuse pile. Based on our observations made during this visit, it appeared that the contractor was presently stockpiling, grading and compacting refuse coal in the new Expansion Area. At the time of our site visit, the refuse coal had been placed and compacted to an elevation above the third bench situated along the east side of the stockpile.

In addition, compaction testing in the new Expansion Area of the refuse pile was completed on December 11, 2020. Six compaction tests (#617 to #622) were taken in Expansion Area during this quarter. All of the tests taken during this quarter met the minimum compaction requirement of 90% of the maximum standard Proctor density. Copies of the compaction test results and the daily field reports are attached. It should be noted that the abbreviations given in the Nuclear Density Test Results (Proctor Data) are as follows: Maximum DD = Maximum Dry Density and OMC = Optimum Moisture Content. Both of these values have been determined in accordance with ASTM D698.

The internal roadways in the new expansion area of the pile are in good condition. The upper haul road to Areas 2, 3 and 4 of the refuse pile was not accessible at the time of our site visit, due to snow.

A seepage area at the toe of the northeast end of the refuse pile expansion area, approximately 30 feet northwest of the outlet of the underdrain, developed in fall 2014. At the time of our observations, the seepage was surfacing at the toe of the slope and flowing into the drainage from the undrain outlet then into the existing pond east of the Refuse Pile Expansion Area. The discharge was clear, with no evidence of sediment. No signs of washout, slumps or slope instability were observed at this time. The seepage area will be monitored during future inspections and noted in our inspection reports. Photographs of the seepage area taken at the time of our inspection on December 30, 2021 are attached.

Based on our observations, the surface drainage conditions, generally appeared to be adequate across the top and sides of the pile. Based on our observations, we did not observe any signs of instability, structural weakness or hazardous conditions at the refuse pile.

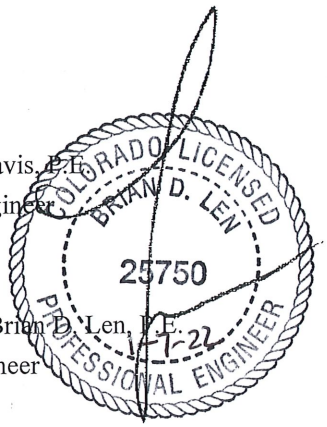
We were advised that the wash plant had produced approximately 104,229 tons of waste coal during the month of October 2021: approximately 81,790 tons during November 2021: and approximately 76,206 tons during December 2021. It is our understanding that the fines being produced at the wash plant, which consists of approximately 10 to 20 percent of the total materials being produced, are being pumped underground into the mine.

We were previously informed by Brian Watterson of TCC that all of the original monitor wells installed in the Refuse Pile were destroyed in July 2012. Two new monitor wells were constructed in Area 1 of the Refuse Pile in December 2013. NWCC was provided monthly monitor well readings for this quarter by Miller Water Monitor Service, Inc. The water level in the western monitor well (RW#1) was measured at 57.64 feet below the existing ground surface (bgs) on October 16th at 57.87 feet bgs on November 20th and at 57.91 feet bgs on December 4th of 2021. The water level in the eastern monitor well (RW#2) was measured at 56.68 feet bgs on October 16th, at 56.85 feet bgs on November 20th and at 56.88 feet bgs on December 4th of 2021. An additional monitor well (RW#3) was constructed at the southeast end of the 1st bench in new Expansion Area in June of 2014. The water level in the expansion area monitor well (RW#3) was dry when checked on October 16th, November 20th and December 4th of 2021.

Based on our observations, it appears that the pile is currently being constructed and maintained in general accordance with the project specifications and plans submitted under 2.05.3(8) and that the potential hazard to human life and property at the site in its present condition is minimal. This report fulfills the quarterly inspection requirements as specified by Rules 4.09.1(11)(a), 4.09.1(11)(b), 4.10.2(2)(a) and 4.10.2(2)(b).

If you have any questions regarding this report or our observations, please contact this office.

Sincerely,
NWCC, INC.,



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Project:	Refuse Pile	**Project No.:**	99-3983	**Date:**	12/12/21
				Time:	4.5
Location:	Foidel Creek Mine	**Report No.:**	102	**Mileage:**	45
Client:	Twentymile Coal Co.			**Engr. /Tech:**	JS

Work Performed:

As requested, we visited the project site on today's date and conducted compaction test No's 617 through 622 on the fill materials being placed within the Refuse Pile.

Twentymile Coal Company crews placed and compacted processed waste coal in the Refuse Pile.

We also obtained a sample of material and returned it to our laboratory in Steamboat Springs, CO for standard checkpoint Proctor testing. The sample matched previously determined Proctor 12P for this project.

Remarks:

The material tested today generally met project specifications for compaction.

Please refer to attached sheet for results of today's testing.

Verbal Discussions:

Nick Aramando of Twentymile Coal Co. was notified of today's test results.

NUCLEAR DENSITY TEST RESULTS

Project: Refuse Pile **Project No.:** 99-3983 **Date:** 12/12/2021
Report No.: 102

Test No.	Location Northing/Easting	Depth Elev.	Proctor No.	Dry Density (pcf)	Water Content (%)	Actual Compaction	Required Compaction
617	31275.45 / 16336.80	7021.087	12	98.9	9.1	90	90
618	31413.17 / 16591.21	7019.800	12	99.9	6.1	91	90
619	31475.11 / 16943.55	7021.370	12	101.3	7.7	92	90
620	31618.25 / 17198.78	7020.384	12	100.2	8.9	91	90
621	31515.84 / 17482.79	7020.259	12	99.6	6.7	91	90
622	31444.83 / 17800.02	7014.398	12	98.8	9.6	90	90

PROCTOR DATA

No.	Maximum Dry Density (pcf)	Optimum Moisture Content (%)	Relative Density Minimum Density (pcf)	Relative Density Maximum Density (pcf)	Soil Type
12	109.8	7.6			Processed Waste Coal
11	100.3	10.2			Processed Waste Coal
10	107.6	11.0			Processed Waste Coal

Comments:

BSG= Below Subgrade Grade
SG= Subgrade Grade
SBG= Subbase Grade
BSBG= Below Subbase Grade
BCG= Base Course Grade
BBF= Below Bottom of Footing
NWC= Northwest Corner
NEC= Northeast Corner
SWC= Southwest Corner
SEC= Southeast Corner
BFG= Below Footing Grade
FG= Footing Grade

December 30, 2021-Drain Outlet and Seepage Area

December 30, 2021-Seepage Area

December 30, 2021- Expansion Area and Areas 2, 3, 4

December 30, 2021- Benches on East Side of Refuse Pile