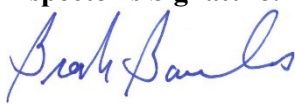




PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1996-084 Mine Name: Lorencito Canyon Mine Operator: New Elk Coal Company, LLC Operator Address: Mr. Mark Gray 12250 Highway 12 Weston, CO 81091	County: Las Animas Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Nick Mason
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: December 20, 2022 Inspection Start Time: 11:30 Inspection End Date: December 20, 2022 Inspection End Time: 12:30		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts:	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts:	
Inspector(s): Brock Bowles	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: December 21, 2022

Inspection Topic Summary

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Roads

N - Availability of Records

N - Reclamation Success

N - Backfill & Grading

N - Revegetation

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Subsidence

N - Explosives

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Fish & Wildlife

N - Support Facilities On-site

R - Hydrologic Balance

R - Signs and Markers

N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Other

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Processing Waste

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This partial inspection was conducted by Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Nick Mason of the New Elk Coal Company (operator) was present for the inspection. The weather was sunny, cool and 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:

Pond 6 contained water and was mostly frozen. The water was contained and not discharging (photo 1).

Pond 8 contained water and was frozen. The water was contained and not discharging (photo 2).

Pond 9 contained a small amount of water and was frozen. The water was contained and not discharging (photo 3).

Pond 9A contained water and was frozen. The water was contained and not discharging (photo 4).

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

The mine entrance sign was in place.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 4

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Pond 6



Photo 2 - Pond 8

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Photo 3 – Pond 9



Photo 4 – Pond 9A

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