

Review: Annual Hydrology Report

Mine: Williams Fork Mines
Permit No.: C1981044

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DRMS reviewer:

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Requirement	Citation	Comments
1. Hydrology Report filing frequency	CDRMS regulation 4.05.13(4)(c)	Section 2.05.6 of the permit requires filing by March 30 th each year. The Division received the AHR on 5 May 2022 and the annual report was filed in February 2022.
2. Timely filing of hydrology report	March 30, Section 2.05.6 of the permit.	Extension of submittal dates were granted by DRMS.
3. Filing frequency of NPDES Discharge Monitoring Reports	NPDES permit CO-0034142	<i>Throughout 2021 filing frequency</i>
4. Timely filing of Discharge Monitoring Reports	NPDES permit CO-0034142	<i>Inadequate, at a minimum a corrective discharge is required</i> All filing dates were met. The Division received Q1 2021 report in December of 2021.
5. NPDES outfall sampling frequency	NPDES permit CO-0034142	Two gaging stations one each on the Williams Fork River for Rivers WF1 and WF2 measure discharge points are regularly monitored. There are two outfalls on the Williams Fork River and one spring (1SP). It appears that sampling for sampling was complied with that flows sporadically during spring and summer months. June. Table 20 indicates water year monitoring. The spring was sampled on a bi-monthly basis. Sampling occurred as required for

7. NPDES discharge limitations	NPDES permit CO-0034142	<p>TDS concentrations appeared consistent with recoverable iron showing a slight increase in some ranges.</p> <p>Seasonal discharge occurred at various times from any on site sediment pond. No records received by DRMS.</p> <p>The mine water discharge points are located at well (003 or 5D and 024 or 9P3) and no active discharge in 2021 and no active discharge in 2013. No near future discharges expected.</p> <p>The Williams Fork River points are monitored for filed parameters of concern.</p> <p>Based on a Memorandum of Understanding between the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Geology and the Quality Control Division (WQC) the mine meets CDPS permit conditions.</p>
8. Basic Standards for Surface Water	CWQCC Regulation 31; Antidegradation standard Reg 38.1	The receiving waters (Segment 1) are "Class II Protected".
9. Instream Numeric Standards	CWQCC Regulations 31 and 37	<p>The Williams Fork Mines are located in the Lower Yampa/Green River Subbasin of the Colorado River Basin. CWQCC lists numeric standards in its regulation 37. The permit requires monitoring of the Williams Fork River at a site upstream of the mine as well as downstream from the mine.</p> <p>Data over time from the upstream monitoring of the Williams Fork River naturally exceeds the standards occasionally the lead and manganese standards.</p> <p>Comparisons of the upstream and downstream monitoring and mining and reclamation operations show that they do not cause the exceedances.</p>
		The WF1 and WF2 sites were monitored for lead and manganese.

11. Parameters sampled at surface water sites	Exhibit 29 CDRMS mining permit C-1981-044	All required parameters were sa
12. Prevention of impacts to surface water that adversely impact the post mining land use	CDRMS regulation 4.05.1(2)	Surface water features in the per Williams Fork and Yampa River of rangeland/wildlife, pastureland to use water for watering of wild reclamation operations at the W appear to have impaired surface
13. Pond Report filing frequency	CDRMS regulation 4.05.9(17)	<i>All filing dates were not met.</i> DRI two pond inspection report.
14. Timely filing of pond reports	CDRMS regulation 4.05.9(17)	<i>Inadequate, at a minimum a note required.</i>
15. Pond report content	CDRMS regulation 4.05.9(17)	The sediment ponds associated 2021 comprise 5P1, 5P2, 5P3 (c 9AP2 (019); 9AP3 (020; 9AP4 (024); 904 (014); 9P5 (017), 9 HRP1A, HRP1B (004); SHP1 (009). Recently reclaimed outfall (outfall 003), wastewater (023) monitored is spring 1SP (022). is adequate. There was no record ponds in 2021.
16. Interim Narrative Standard for Ground Water	CWQCC regulation 41.5.C.6	Not reviewed
17. Sampling frequency	Table 1; Exhibit 29 - CDRMS	Three aquifers exist beneath the (No 5 Mine well), Middle Sands 83-02, 83-03), and Twenty Mile 9 Mine well). The groundwater monitoring we required frequency; quarterly for and annually for the full suite of Groundwater well, the No. 5 Mi

18. Parameters to be analyzed in groundwater samples	Table 1; Exhibit 29 of CDRMS mining permit C-1981-044	<p>DRMS notes that analytes were 1B of the AHR indicates annual</p> <p>No. 5 Mine Well, was measured been sampled for analytes since shut off.</p>
19. Basic Standards for Ground Water	CWQCC regulations 41.4 and 41.5	<p>The Division compared the 202 well with the Basic Standards of Baseline Water data tables provided Williams Fork Mine permit.</p> <p>Regarding the Middle and Troun elevated conductivity were recorded does not indicate mine related in</p> <p>well TR-4; conductivity, sodium concentrations were lower than with baseline levels and are below recorded at the site. The pH level water standards and within base</p> <p>Well TR-7a is within the expected Well TR-7a data indicates the parameters are within their baseline water quality this well were above and below within the baseline levels.</p> <p>Well 81-01 sulfate, manganese above the baseline water quality above the basic standards of groundwater chloride concentrations were above below the basic standards for groundwater also above the baseline water quality concentrations were high.</p> <p>Regarding the Twenty Mile San 259 and the 9 Mine Well are within consistent with baseline water quality Conductivity in these two wells</p>

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		Water levels for well 259 were not reported in the AHR, however no explicit mention is apparent in the data for well 259.
21. Prevention of adverse impacts to ground water systems outside the permit area	CDRMS regulation 4.05.11	Comparisons with the Basic State baseline water data are discussed. MCM believes that no significant impacts to the groundwater system as a result of mining.
22. Impacts to ground water that adversely impact the post mining land use within the permit area	CDRMS regulations 4.05.1(2) and 4.05.11	The post mining land uses comprise pastureland. See items 19, 20, and 21.
23. Minimization of disturbance to the hydrologic balance within and adjacent to the permit area	CDRMS regulation 4.05.1(1)	MCM reports that no significant impacts were noted during groundwater monitoring for 2021.
24. Prevention of material damage to the hydrologic balance outside the permit area	CDRMS regulation 4.05.1(1)	Comparisons with the Basic State baseline water data are discussed. MCM believes that no significant impacts on the groundwater system as a result of mining.
25. Agreement of observed hydrologic impacts with PHC projected in permit	CDRMS regulation 2.05.6(3)	Section 2.05.6 of the permit discusses the consequences of the mining operations at the Mines. This section primarily discusses trends from the 80's and early 90's. The impacts discussed are very general and project that no significant impact on the hydrologic balance. MCM reports that no significant, unpredicted, impacts were noted during hydrologic monitoring for 2021.