



Roadside Mine, C-1981-041, April Partial Inspection Report

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Mon, May 8, 2023 at 10:43 AM

Good morning Tonya,

Attached is the Division's report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on April 27, 2023. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,
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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: Tonya Hammond
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: April 27, 2023 Inspection Start Time: 10:05 Inspection End Date: April 27, 2023 Inspection End Time: 10:45		Inspection Type: Coal Partial 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	Inspector's Signature: <i>Clayton Wein</i>		Signature Date: 5/8/2023

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

Y - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

Y - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

N - 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 report documents the observations made by the Division during a partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on April 27, 2023. The inspection was completed by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) was represented during the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was clear with a temperature of 55 degrees F. 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:

During the inspection the Carey pit was dry. There was no water running from the landowner's buried pipe into the pit. The landowner's trench on tract 71 was also dry. The pipe entering the trench at the east part of Tract 71 was not hooked up. There was no indication of recent flow in the ditch (Photo1). The landowner's middle field, located to the east of Tract 71 was not being irrigated during the inspection (Photo 2). The landowner's trenches on the Tract 70 Mesa were not active at the time of the inspection (Photo 3). None of the riser pipes were observed to be active. There was no evidence of recent flow in the trenches.

Work burying the pipeline for the Operator's water augmentation plan was occurring outside the permit boundary to the south of Tract 71 and North of Rapid Creek.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The TR-69 Repair Area is located in the northern part of what is referred to as Tract 71. The repair area is approximately 0.4 acres in size. The area was reclaimed in the fall of 2019 following the completion of work approved under Technical Revision No. 69. During the inspection, the reclaimed area was stable with vegetative cover (Photos 4 and 5). Vegetation was beginning to green and grow in for the spring season. There were no noxious weeds identified. The disturbed boundary markers, represented by T-posts, were in place and properly delineated the disturbed boundary. The straw waddles located on the south and west ends of the disturbed area were in good condition. No off-site impacts were observed. The mine ID sign located on the southern access to

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the disturbed area was posted in a clear location on a T-post. During the inspection of the TR-69 Repair Area, a series of wooden stakes with ribbons on them were identified transecting Tract 71. The wooden stakes were labeled "Proposed H2O Easement". These stakes were not placed by the operator and do not have to do with the operator's implementation of their water augmentation plan, as approved by the Division of Water Resources. One of the labeled wooden stake was located within the disturbed boundary of the eastern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area (Photo 6). Discussions with the operator's representative indicated that SCC does not know what the wooden stakes are related to.

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

Photo 1: The northern portion of the landowner's Tract 71 trench.



Photo 2: The Landowner's middle field.



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The Landowner's northern trench on the Tract 70 Mesa.



Photo 4: The eastern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area, photo was taken looking to the northwest.



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Photo 5: The southwestern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area, the photo was taken looking to the southwest.



Photo 6: The wooden stake identified within the disturbed boundary of the TR-69 Repair Area. The stake was not placed by the Operator.



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