



June inspection reports

1 message

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Tue, Jun 13, 2023 at 11:34 AM



Nick,
Attached are the inspection reports for the New Elk, C-1981-012, and Lorencito, C-1996-084, Mines.
Let me know if you have any questions.
Hope you and your family are doing well.
Brock

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2 attachments

-  INSP-REPORTC_C1996084_BFB_06132023105313.pdf
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-  INSP-REPORTC_C1981012_BFB_06122023024951.pdf
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Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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: None
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: June 1, 2023 Inspection Start Time: 12:00 Inspection End Date: June 1, 2023 Inspection End Time: 14:00		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 Patrick Lennberg	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: June 13, 2023

Inspection Topic Summary

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

N - Air Resource Protection	R - 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	N - 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 and Patrick Lennberg of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). John Terry of the New Elk CC did not attend but gave permission for the Division to conduct the inspection without him present. The weather was clear with few scattered clouds, warm, with a light breeze. The ground was mostly dry. The mine is in permanent cessation and no mining or reclamation activities were taking place.

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 5 was dry. The embankment and pond floor were well vegetated (photo 1). The spillways were in operable condition and free of obstructions.

Pond 9 was dry (photo 2). The embankment appeared stable. The primary and emergency spillways were clear of obstructions.

Pond 9A was dry (photo 3). The embankment has well established vegetation and appeared stable.

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):

The access road to Pond 5 is passable but is in rough condition. A 4 wheel drive vehicle is needed to access Pond 5.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 8

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 4

OTHER (SPECIFY)

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Pond 5 Primary spillway and embankment

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Photo 2 - Pond 9



Photo 3 – Pond 9A

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