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## Inspection Report, Hayden Gulch Loadout, C-1992-081

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AM

To: "Kawcak, Miranda" <mkawcak@peabodyenergy.com>

Miranda,

Please see attached the Division's report for the August inspection of Hayden Gulch Loadout, Permit No. C-1992-081. Let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,  
Hunter Ridley (she/her/hers)  
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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1992-081 <b>Mine Name:</b> Hayden Gulch Loadout <b>Operator:</b> Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC <b>Operator Address:</b> Ms Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	<b>County:</b> Routt <b>Operation Type:</b> Loadout <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> August 23, 2023 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 13:30 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> August 23, 2023 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 14:00		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Complete Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Hunter Ridley	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Hunter Ridley</i>		<b>Signature Date:</b>  August 29, 2023

**Inspection Topic Summary**

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

N - Air Resource Protection

R - Availability of Records

N - Backfill &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

Y - Fish &amp; Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

R - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

Y - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

R - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

Y - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was a complete inspection of the Hayden Gulch Loadout; DRMS Permit No. C-1992-081, operated by Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC. This inspection was conducted by Hunter Ridley with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division). No activity was occurring on site at the time of inspection and no Operator representative accompanied the inspection.

A proposed decision to approve RN-08 was sent on 8/4/2023. If no public comment is received, RN-08 will be issued no later than 9/13/2023.

Areas not phase III bond released in the permit include the former haul road, maintained by Routt County. The haul road and associated area includes 214.1 acres, of which 96.6 are disturbed. Technical Revision No. 12 (TR-12) allows for permanent retention of this haul road. The other remaining, not yet bond released area is directly north and south of Hwy 40, to be reclaimed to agricultural use. It is the only part of the previous rail loop not donated to Routt County. This area includes 6.8 acres of which 2.3 are disturbed.

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1): Records were checked at the mine office. See details at the end of report. **Please update the highlighted items.**

SIGNS AND MARKERS—Rule 4.02

Mine identification markers were observed at the entrance to the unreleased haul road and adjacent to the unreleased agricultural section north and south of Hwy 40 (Photos 1 and 2).

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 haul road was well maintained and free of erosional features. This haul road and its associated permanent topsoil pile features to the east will be ready for release this year (Photos 3 and 4).

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;

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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:

Truck Loop Pond 001 and Rail Loop Pond 002 were both full and functioning properly. Rail Loop Pond 002 is accessed by walking a portion of the Sage Creek Trail located on the site's previously released acreage (Photo 6). Truck Loop Pond 001 is accessed from the side of the southern unreleased haul road (Photo 5).

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The remaining permit area North of Hwy 40 was well vegetated (Photo 7). This portion of the permit has been incorporated into the adjacent hay fields.

### **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**



*Figure 1: Mine signage located off Hwy 40.*

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*Figure 2: Mine signage located at the western entrance to the unreleased haul road.*



*Figure 3: Topsoil pile located on the eastern end of the unreleased haul road.*

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*Figure 4: Topsoil pile located on the eastern end of the unreleased haul road.*



*Figure 5: Truck Loop Pond 001.*

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*Figure 6: Rail Loop Pond 002 seen from the haul road.*



*Figure 7: View east of agricultural fields in the northernmost permit boundary. Bare area is the nearby trail parking lot.*

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**AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS****PERMIT RECORDS****Exp 5/22/2023****HYDROLOGIC RECORDS**

DRMS Permit

NPDES Permit

COG85008 in  
Review

Permit Application w/Revisions

RN-05 Update w/  
TR12

NPDES Records

**\*Permit**

Findings Document

RN-05

Stormwater Management Plan

2012 Current

Insurance Certificate

8/1/2024

SPCC Plan

NA

Bond Document

No. 104674392  
Feb 2022

MSHA Pond Inspections

NA

Phased Bond Release

SL-02

Documents/Findings

State Engineer's Pond Inspection

NA

Air Emission Permits

Terminated

Quarterly Pond Inspections

NA

County Special Use Permits

Terminated

Annual Hydrology Reports

2021

UG Mining Landowner Notification

NA

- Ground Water Monitoring

AHR

Subsidence Monitoring Reports

NA

- Surface Water Monitoring

AHR

Subsidence Monitoring Data

NA

- Spring & Seep Monitoring

AHR

Rill &amp; Gully Survey

- Mine Water Discharge  
Monitoring

NA

Vegetation Monitoring Data

NA

- Mine Inflow Study

NA

Specific Variance Approvals

NA

- Water Consumption Records

NA

Annual Reclamation Reports

**2021**

Well Permits

NA

Midterm Review Documents

MT-06

DRMS/OSM Inspection

**Feb 2022**Reports/Enforcement Actions (3  
Years)**BLASTING RECORDS**

Transfers/Succession of Operator

NA

Blasting Publication

NA

Temporary Cessation Notification

NA

Blasting Records (3 years)

NA

Reclamation Cost Estimate

RN-05

ATFE Explosives Permit

NA

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Blasting Variances

NA

Pond Certifications

NA

Pre-Blast Surveys

NA

Annual Certifications for

Impoundments

NA, released

Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil  
or Underground Development Waste

NA

**ADDITIONAL RECORDS  
(specify)**

- Quarterly Inspections

NA

- Compaction Testing

NA

- Final Certification

NA

Coal Processing Waste Banks

NA

Haul Road Certifications

**\*Permit**

Access Road Certifications

**\*Permit****COMMENTS:****\*Permit – online, Laserfiche**Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 1Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 1