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## Roadside Mine, C-1981-041, August Partial Inspection Report

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To: Tonya Hammond <tonya.snowcap@bresnan.net>

Wed, Sep 13, 2023 at 4:57 PM

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached is the Division's inspection report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on August 31, 2023. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
**Clayton Wein**  
Environmental Protection Specialist



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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-041 <b>Mine Name:</b> Roadside Portals <b>Operator:</b> Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. <b>Operator Address:</b> MS Tonya Hammond P.O. Box 1430 Palisade, CO 81526	<b>County:</b> Mesa <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  Tonya Hammond
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>  	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> August 31, 2023 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 09:10 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> August 31, 2023 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 09:45		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Clayton Wein	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Clayton Wein</i>		<b>Signature Date:</b>  9/13/2023

**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 &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; Wildlife

Y - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

R - Other

N - Processing Waste

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

N - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

N - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

Y - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This report documents the Division's observations taken during a partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on August 31, 2023. The inspection was completed by Clayton Wein of the Division. Tonya Hammond represented Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) during the inspection. The weather was clear with a temperature of 75 degrees F. The ground conditions were dry.

**OTHER (SPECIFY):**

A small brush fire had occurred outside the permit boundary directly north of the TR-69 Repair Area (Photo 1). The fire occurred on the early morning of August 28<sup>th</sup>. The fire was quickly reported and put out. The cause of the fire was likely due to a lightning strike and not due to any mining or reclamation activities. The fire did not impact any portion of the reclaimed areas of the mine or any lands located within the permit boundary.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:**

The TR-69 Repair Area was observed to be vegetated and stable (Photo 2 and 3). Most all of the vegetation on the site was dried out due to the late summer conditions. The disturbed area was marked by several T-posts and a mine identification sign. There were no erosional features identified. The landowner's ditch located adjacent to the TR-69 Repair Area was dry (Photo 4). There was no evidence of recent water application in the ditch. The TR-69 Repair Area is located in an area referred to as Tract 71. A landowner owned pit, referred to as the Carey Pit, is located by the southwest corner of Tract 71. The pit was dry and there was no evidence of recent water application through the landowner's pipeline into the pit (Photo 5).

**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None****OTHER (SPECIFY): None**Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 2Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

**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 burn scar from the brush fire located just to the north of the Roadside Mine permit area. The photo was taken looking to the west/northwest towards I-70



Photo 2: The photo was taken at the northeast corner of the TR-69 Repair Area looking to the west.



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Photo 3: The photo was taken at the northeast corner of the TR-69 Repair Area looking to the southwest.



Photo 4: The Landowner's ditch adjacent to the TR-69 Repair Area was dry.



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Photo 5: The Carey Pit was dry during the inspection.



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