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Roadside Mine, C-1981-041, September Complete Inspection Report

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Mon, Oct 9, 2023 at 12:13 PM

Good afternoon Tonya,

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

Sincerely,
Clayton Wein
Environmental Protection Specialist



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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: September 27, 2023 Inspection Start Time: 09:30 Inspection End Date: September 27, 2023 Inspection End Time: 10:40		Inspection Type: Coal Complete 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: 10/9/2023		

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 & Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

N - Processing Waste

N - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

N - 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

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This report documents the Division's observations taken during a complete inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on September 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 60 degrees F. The ground conditions were dry.

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1):

The records for the Roadside Mine are located at the office of J.E. Stover and Associates in Grand Junction, CO. The records were up to date and well kept. Please see the Availability of Records Form attached to the end of this report for more details.

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 located near the southwest corner of Tract 71 was dry. There was no evidence of recent flows from the landowner's pipeline into the pit. The land owner's east and north trenches on Tract 71 were also dry. There was no indications of recent water flow in the trenches.

During the inspection the Discharge Point 016 was discharging. The meter on the discharge pipe was averaging 113 gpm. The discharge outlet was stable and there were no erosional issues identified (Photo 1).

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The remaining permitted disturbed area at the Roadside Mine is approximately 0.4 acres in size. This area is located in the northern portion of Tract 71 and is referred to as the TR-69 Repair Area. The reclamation work for the TR-69 Repair area was conducted in the fall of 2019. The disturbed boundary was marked with several T-posts. Each post was easily identified. The reclaimed area was stable with vegetative cover (Photo 2). There were no indications of erosional features. The northern most portion of the reclaimed area had been driven through by a

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piece of equipment since the previous Division inspection (Photo 3). This was not an activity conducted by SCC. The tracts traversed from the northeastern disturbed boundary to the northwest disturbed boundary. The vehicle had severed the straw waddle located at the northwestern disturbed boundary (Photo 4). SCC's representative indicated that they would have the straw waddle repaired as soon as possible. No other disturbances to the TR-69 Repair Area were observed.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Mine identification signs are posted at the southern and northern entrances to the permit boundary. The signs were in good condition and located in a visible spot. The signs displayed the mine's permit number, contact information for the Division, and the location a copy of the permit is located (Photo 5). An additional mine identification sign is posted on one of the southern disturbed boundary markers for the TR-69 Repair Area. This sign displayed the same information as the others.

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 discharge structure for 016.



Photo 2: The TR-69 Repair Area. Photo 2 is looking to the west.



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Photo 3: The Tracks identified in the northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area. The photo was taken looking to the east.



Photo 3: The severed straw waddle at the northwest boundary of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 5: The mine identification sign posted on one of the T-posts of the southern disturbed boundary for the TR-69 Repair Area.



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AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**PERMIT RECORDS**

DRMS Permit	RN-8
Permit Application w/Revisions	OK
Findings Document	OK
Insurance Certificate	Exp. 7/1/2024
Bond Document	OK
Phased Bond Release	OK SL-11
Documents/Findings	
Air Emission Permits	NA
County Special Use Permits	NA
UG Mining Landowner Notification	OK
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	NA
Subsidence Monitoring Data	PAP
Rill & Gully Survey	OK

Vegetation Monitoring Data	2022 ARR
Specific Variance Approvals	NA
Annual Reclamation Reports	2022
Midterm Review Documents	MT-8
DRMS/OSM Inspection Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)	Up to Date/Aug. 2023
Transfers/Succession of Operator	SO-2
Temporary Cessation Notification	NA
Reclamation Cost Estimate	MT-8, RN-8 Laserfiche

CERTIFICATIONS

Pond Certifications	OK/Released
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	NA
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	NA
• Quarterly Inspections	NA
• Compaction Testing	NA
• Final Certification	2008/2011
Coal Processing Waste Banks	Released
Haul Road Certifications	OK
Access Road Certifications	OK

HYDROLOGIC RECORDS

NPDES Permit	COR-0027146
NPDES Records	2 nd Q 2023
Stormwater Management Plan	OK
SPCC Plan	NA
MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
	NA
State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Quarterly Pond Inspections	NA
Annual Hydrology Reports	2022
• Ground Water Monitoring	AHR
• Surface Water Monitoring	AHR
• Spring & Seep Monitoring	NA
• Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Inflow Study	AHR
• Water Consumption Records	NA
Well Permits	All Reclaimed

BLASTING RECORDS

Blasting Publication	>3 years
Blasting Records (3 years)	>3 Years
ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
Blasting Variances	NA
Pre-Blast Surveys	NA

ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)

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