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Roadside Mine, C-1981-041, October Inspection Report

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Wed, Oct 18, 2023 at 12:16 PM

To: Tonya Hammond <tonya.snowcap@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached is the Division's report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on October 16. 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: October 16, 2023 Inspection Start Time: 12:40 Inspection End Date: October 16, 2023 Inspection End Time: 13:00		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: 10/18/2023	

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
 N - Fish & Wildlife
 Y - 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
 Y - Signs and Markers
 N - Support Facilities Not On-site
 N - Special Categories Of Mining
 N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This inspection report documents the Division's observations taken during a partial inspection of the Roadside Mine. The inspection was conducted on October 16, 2023. The inspection was completed by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) was represented by Tonya Hammond during the inspection. The weather was clear with a temperature of 64 ° F. The ground conditions were dry.

The Division conducted the inspection following a phone call on the morning of October 16, 2023 from SCC's representative notifying the Division that reclamation at the Roadside Mine had been disturbed by Mr. Fontanari.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The TR-69 Repair Area is the only remaining disturbance permitted at the Roadside Mine. The area is located in the northern portion of what is referred to as Tract 71. The TR-69 Repair Area consists of approximately 0.4 acres of land that was reclaimed in the fall of 2019. Prior to this inspection SCC had established vegetative cover and implemented sediment control features at the TR-69 Repair Area as required by the Rules. Please refer to the Division's previous Inspection Reports for the Roadside Mine for more details. During the inspection, the Division observed five to six rows of bladed vegetation transecting north/south across the western portion of Tract 71 (Photos 1 and 2). Three to four of these bladed transects crossed through the TR-69 Repair Area (Photos 3 and 4). Without the TR-69 Repair Area's boundary markers in place at the time of the inspection, it was unclear if all four of the transects were within the disturbed area. The bladed transects ended at the northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area and on the south side of Mr. Fontanari's northern trench. The end of the transects had small piles of bladed Rock, dirt and vegetation (Photo 5). SCC's disturbed area boundary markers, previously installed straw waddles, and mine identification sign were removed from the TR-69 Repair Area. All materials removed from the TR-69 Repair Area were found piled up on the northern embankment of the Carey Pit (Photos 6 and 7). The Carey Pit is located to the southwest of the TR-69 Repair Area and in the southwestern corner of Tract 71. Based on information by Tonya Hammond, all activities observed in the TR-69 Repair Area were not conducted by or

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approved by SCC.

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 western portion of Tract 71 with the bladed transects. The Photo was taken looking to the west.

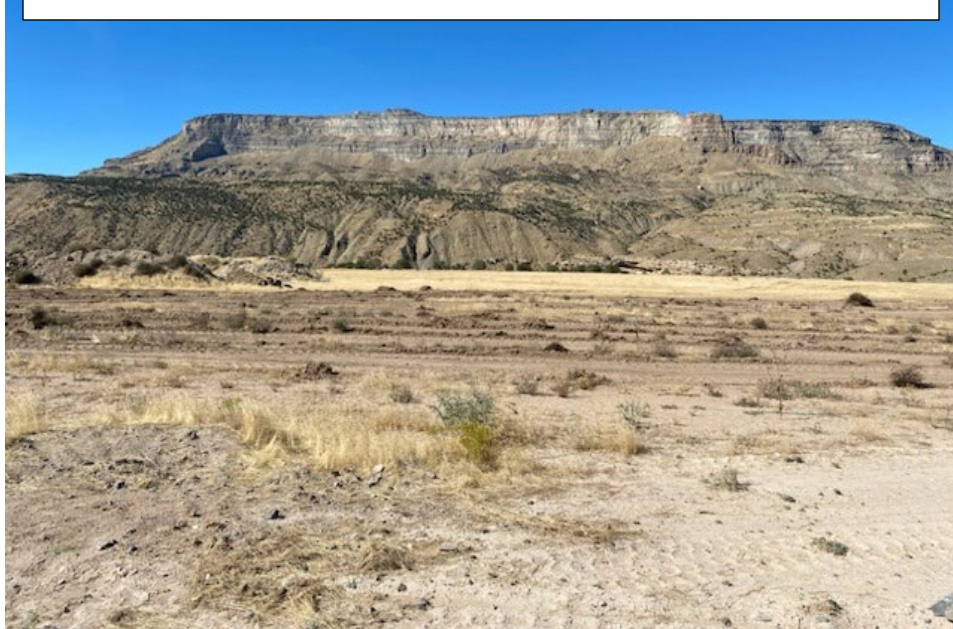


Photo 2: The northwestern portion of Tract 71 with the bladed transects. The photo was taken looking to the northeast.



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Photo 3: The eastern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area. The photo was taken looking to the south.



Photo 4: The central and western portions of the TR-69 Repair Area. The photo was taken looking to the south.



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Photo 5: The northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area. The end of the bladed transects with piles of rock, dirt and vegetation. The photo was taken looking to the west.



Photo 6: The straw waddles and wooden stakes found stockpiled on the north embankment of the Carey Pit.



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Photo 7: The mine ID sign and disturbed boundary markers found stockpiled on the northern embankment of the Carey Pit.



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