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C1981022, Elk Creek Mine, November Inspection Report

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Attached

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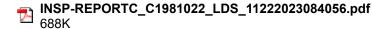


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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-022	County: Delta, Gunnison	
Mine Name: Elk Creek Mine	Operation Type: Underground	
Operator: Oxbow Mining, LLC	Permit Status: Active	
Operator Address:	Ownership: Private	
Mr Doug Smith		
3737 Hwy 133	Operator Representative Present:	
P. O. Box 535		
Somerset, CO 81434	N/A	
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)		

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: November Inspection Start Time: 13:30 Inspection End Date: Inspection End Time:	r 15, 2023		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency: J		Joint	Joint Inspection Contacts:	
None				
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature Date:			
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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
 R - Support Facilities On-site
 N - Hydrologic Balance
 R - Signs and Markers

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
N - Support Facilities Not On-site
N - Other
N - Special Categories Of Mining

R - Processing Waste N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a partial inspection by Leigh Simmons of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The weather was warm, clear and dry. The status of the Elk Creek Mine is "active" however no coal is being mined and the only activity since the last inspection was site maintenance.

PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES - Rule 4.10 and 4.11

Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

The West Valley Fill, II West Valley Fill and East Yard Fill were stable and well vegetated. There was no sign of any significant surface erosion on any of the fills.

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):

Roads within the main facilities area were in good condition.

SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:

Dismantling of the substation was still in progress.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Mine ID signs were in place at both entrances.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

N/A

OTHER (SPECIFY)

N/A

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 4 Number of <u>Complete</u> Inspections this Fiscal Year: 1

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Locked gate at east entrance



Figure 2: Mine ID sign

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