



PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-041 Mine Name: Roadside Portals Operator: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. Operator Address: Ms Tonya Hammond 743 Horizon Court, Suite 334 Grand Junction, CO 81506	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: December 6, 2023 Inspection Start Time: 11:10 Inspection End Date: December 6, 2023 Inspection End Time: 12:25		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: 12/20/2023		

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

Y - 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 document records the Division's observations taken during a complete inspection of the Roadside Mine on December 6, 2023. The inspection was conducted by Clayton Win of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company was represented by Tonya Hammond during the inspection. The weather was clear with a temperature of 47° F. The ground conditions were dry.

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1):

The records for the Roadside Mine are located at Snowcap Coal Company's office off of Horizon Dr. in Grand Junction, Colorado. The records were well kept and up to date. 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:

The Carey Pit is located in the southwestern portion of Tract 71. The pit is not associated with the mining permit. The pit was observed to be dry at the time of the inspection. There was no evidence of recent water being applied into the pit. Mr. Fontanari's trenches on the north (Photo 1) and eastern portions of Tract 71 were also observed to be dry. There was no evidence of recent water in the trenches.

Mr. Fontanari's middle field, located to the east of Tract 71, had no indications of recent water application. The field was dry.

The Mine's discharge point, 016, is located in the northeastern section of the permit area. The discharge point is a pipe that drains water from the mine workings. The pipe was in good condition with a locked cap over it (Photo 2). At the time of the inspection, the discharge meter was averaging 114.4 gpm. There were no blockages within the pipe.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

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Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

The remaining permitted disturbance at the Roadside Mine is referred to the TR-69 Repair Area. The TR-69 Repair Area is located in the northern portion of Tract 71. The area is approximately 0.4 acres in size. The Division documented in the October 2023 Inspection Report that Mr. Fontanari had bladed through Snowcap's reclamation at the TR-69 Repair Area. Since this activity had occurred, Snowcap had redistributed the soil and topsoil at the TR-69 Repair Area. The site was then re-staked with disturbed boundary markers and a wire fence. The straw waddles were replaced as well. A mine identification was also placed on the fence to further mark the reclamation area. The site was also reseeded in November 2023. During the inspection the TR-69 Repair Area was observed to be stable with no indications of erosional features (Photo 3, 4 and 5). The straw waddles located on the south and west sections of the disturbed area were in good condition and in the correct locations. The disturbed boundary was clearly marked and the mine identification sign was posted in a highly visible location (Photo 6). No off-site impacts from the TR-69 Repair Area were observed.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Mine identification signs were posted at the two entrances to the permit boundary. The mine identification signs were in good condition and posted in unobstructed locations. The signs display the contact information for the permittee and the mine's permit identification number.

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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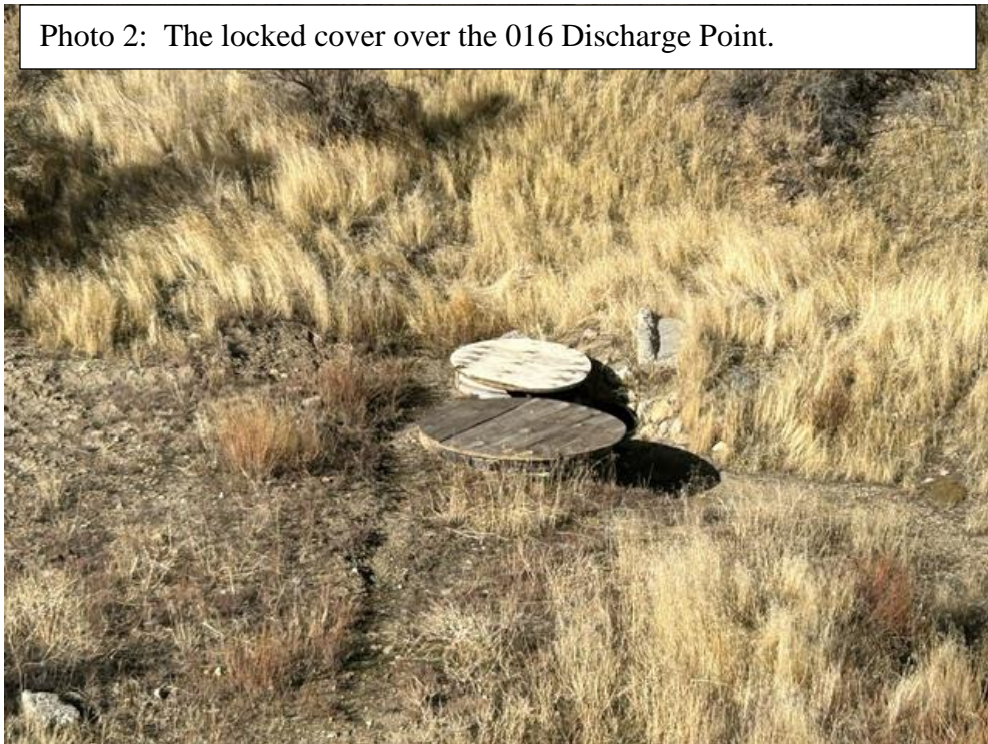
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 1: Mr. Fontanari's northern trench at Tract 71.



Photo 2: The locked cover over the 016 Discharge Point.



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Photo 3: The southern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



Photo 4: The central portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 5: The northern and eastern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



Photo 6: The additional Mine ID sign at 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/Nov. 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	3 rd 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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