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Roadside Portals Mine, C-1981-041, January Partial Inspection Report

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Wed, Jan 24, 2024 at 11:03 AM

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

Good morning Tonya,

Attached is the Division's report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on January 23, 2024. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

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 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: January 23, 2024 Inspection Start Time: 12:55 Inspection End Date: January 23, 2024 Inspection End Time: 13:25		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Cloudy	
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: 1/24/2024

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

R - 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

N - 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 Portals Mine, Permit No. C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on January 23, 2024 by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) was represented during the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was partly cloudy with a temperature of 49 ° F. The ground conditions were mostly dry with some damp areas.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15**Vegetative Cover; Timing:**

The remaining disturbance at the Roadside Mine is approximately 0.4 acres (TR-69 Repair Area) located in the northern portion of what is referred to as Tract 71. The 0.4 acres were disturbed by the landowner in October of 2023. In November of 2023, SCC repaired the 0.4 acres by replacing the topsoil, roughening the surface, and reseeding the area. The straw waddles and disturbed boundary markers were also replaced. For more details, please refer to the Division's October 16, 2023 Inspection Report.

During the inspection, the TR-69 Repair Area was stable with no indications of erosional features (Photos 1 and 2). The recently repaired area has been exposed to snow and rain over the last couple of months. There was no indication of differential settling at the time of the inspection. The disturbed boundary markers and fence were intact and in good condition. A mine identification sign was observed posted on the southeast corner of the TR-69 Repair Area (Photo 3). The straw waddles were in good condition and no off-site impacts were observed (Photo 4).

During the inspection, the Landowner's northern trench on Tract 71 was observed to be dry. There was no evidence of recent water application in the trench. A portion of the trench is located adjacent to the northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area. There were no indications of impacts to the repair area from the trench.

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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 TR-69 Repair Area looking to the southeast.



The TR-69 Repair Area looking to northeast.



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Photo 3: southeast corner of the TR-69 Repair Area with Mine ID Sign.



Photo 4: Southern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area with straw waddles.



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