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

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Tue, May 14, 2024 at 11:09 AM

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

Good morning Tonya,

Attached with this email is the Division's report from the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on April 29, 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: April 29, 2024 Inspection Start Time: 13:19 Inspection End Date: April 29, 2024 Inspection End Time: 14:00		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: 5/14/2024

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

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

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This report documents the observations taken by the Division during a partial inspection of the Roadside Mine, C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on April 29, 2024 by Clayton Wein of the Division. The operator, Snowcap Coal Company, Inc., was represented by Tonya Hammond. The weather was partly cloudy with a temperature of 66° F. The ground conditions were dry.

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, all of the landowners buried pipelines and exposed trenches on Tract 71 were not receiving water (Photo 1). The trenches located on the eastern and northern part of Tract 71 had no indications of recent water application. The Landowner's middle Field was also observed to be dry. There was no indication of recent water application to the field. Likewise, all of the landowner's trenches on top of the Tract 70 Mesa were dry. There were no signs that there had been recent water application to the trenches. The Carey Pit, located in the southwestern portion of the permit area, had a small puddle of water in the bottom from recent precipitation events (Photo 2).

During the Division's March 19, 2024 inspection, the Division observed water flowing from the Landowner's buried pipeline in the eastern portion of the C-041 permit boundary. The water was then observed flowing through an open ditch into the landowner's M-1996-076 Minerals Gravel Pit. The M-076 and C-041 permit boundaries overlap one another. Please see the Division's March 19, 2024 Inspection Report for more details. The Division contacted the permittee of the M-076 gravel pit and the water was propyl turned off. The Division conducted a follow-up inspection on March 21, 2024 and observed the water to be shut off.

During this inspection, the Division observed no indications that water flowing out of the buried pipeline into the M-076 gravel pit had occurred. Only damp soils and small puddles were observed from precipitation events that

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had occurred a couple of days prior to the inspection (Photo 3).

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The remaining disturbed area within the C-041 permit boundary is 0.4 acres located in the northern portion of tract 71. The reclaimed parcel consists of approximately 0.4 acres of land that was disturbed and subsequently reclaimed in 2019. The reclamation work was associated with Technical Revision No. 69. The reclamation was disturbed by the landowner in October of 2023. SCC repaired and reseeded the area in November of 2023. Please see the Division's October 2023 and November 2023 inspection reports for more details.

During this inspection the repair area was stable with no indications of erosional features. The seeds from last fall had begun to germinate and grow. Much of the reclaimed area had new vegetative growth (Photos 4 and 5). The operator's representative stated that spring weed spraying on the 0.4 acres had occurred on April 17th. Withering weeds were observed at the reclaimed area, confirming the representative's statement (Photo 6). The straw waddles placed at the southern and western portions of the reclaimed area were in good condition and there were no off-site impacts observed. The Fencing around the repair area was stable and in good condition. Posted on the one of the southern facing fence posts was a mine identification sign. The sign was posted in a location with an unobstructed view shed. The sign displayed the mine's permit number, permittee's contact information and the Division's contact information.

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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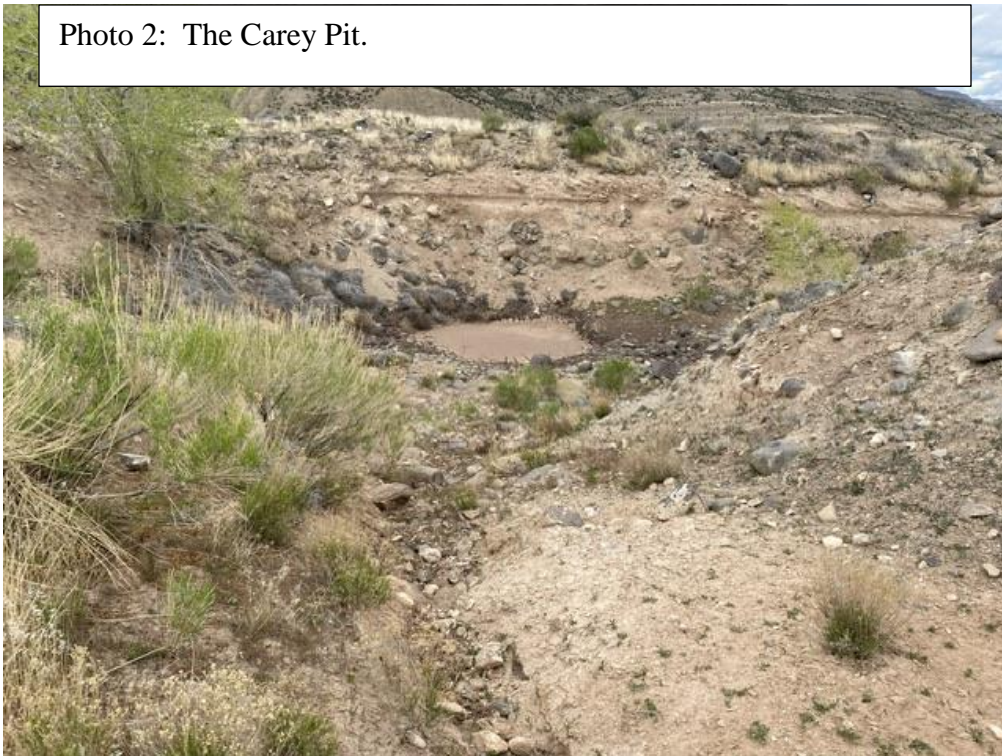
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PHOTOGRAPHS

Photo 1: The landowner's northern trench on Tract 71.



Photo 2: The Carey Pit.



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Photo 3: The M-076 Gravel Pit.



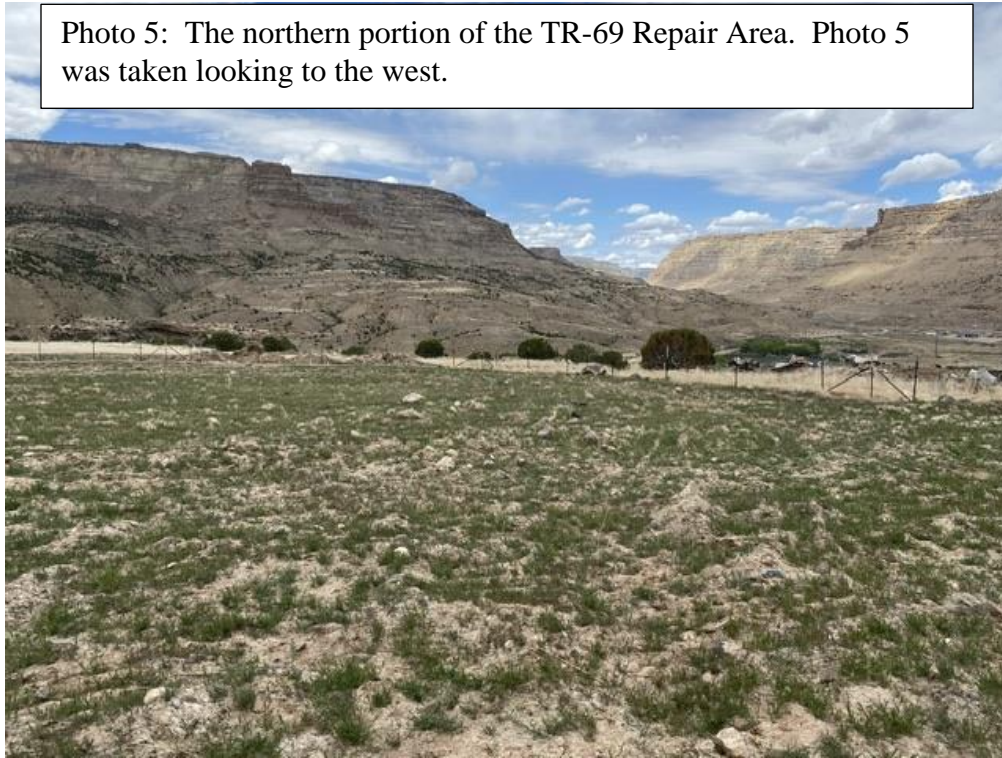
Photo 4: The tr-69 Repair area. Photo 4 was taken looking to the northeast.



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Photo 5: The northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area. Photo 5 was taken looking to the west.



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Photo 6: Weeds Sprayed at the TR-69 Repair Area.



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