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## Special Focus Reports: Yoast and Seneca IIW

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Tue, Jun 18, 2024 at 6:09 PM

To: "Ebert - DNR, Jared" <jared.ebert@state.co.us>, Robin Reilley - DNR <robin.reilley@state.co.us>

Jared,

Please find the above referenced documents attached. I'm available to answer any questions.

Thank you

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### 2 attachments



**Memo\_SpcFocus\_Seneca\_2024.pdf**

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**Memo\_Spc\_Focus\_Yoast\_2024.pdf**

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# Interoffice Memo

**RE: Special Focus Topic Yoast Mine (M1994082) 2024**

To: Jared Ebert  
From: R. Reilley  
Date: 18 June 2024

DRMS evaluated records, revegetation and permanent impoundments through field recognizance and a permit documentation search. References included the permit document sections pertaining to vegetation and hydrology, bond release findings, inspection reports, and the DRMS coal handbook.

Reclamation at the site is complete and executed as permitted. Approximately 162.7 acres of Phase I and Phase II released acres remain for Phase III bond release. These acres comprise the slopes above Pond 12.



*Photo 1: Slopes for phase III bond release above Pond 12.*

### *Vegetation*

Bond releases over the years have demonstrated compliance with vegetation standards as presented in the Yoast permit. Vegetation appeared well established with a diversity of vegetation types, species and good cover on inspections. On inspections reclamation appeared stable. No infestations of weeds were documented.

A number of special planting areas exist throughout the site for retention as permanent. These areas exist along drainage areas with the express purpose of creating areas of woody vegetation. *Map 3 Post Mining Topography and Drainage* from the SL7 bond release depicts these areas.

The permit depicts an extended reference area *Exhibit 10-3* surrounding the disturbance boundary. The reference area comprises native vegetation and is not fenced. There is also a small haul road reference area of 4.0 acres at the north end of the permit.

### *Permanent Impoundments*

The site includes four sediment ponds and two stock ponds. All ponds hold water throughout the year and will be retained as permanent ponds as will the stock ponds. Stock ponds hold water during spring and occasionally, depending on precipitation, through the autumn. Ponds are depicted on *Map 3 Post Mining Topography and Drainage* from the SL7, the most recent map. Permanent pond demonstrations can be found in Appendix 20.1.2 of the permit document.

With a Phase III bond release application anticipated for summer 2024 it is expected that the site will be fully released, and the current bond will be returned at that time. Records are up to date and complete and can be found in the office at the Foidel site. Many records (such as findings documents, vegetation analysis and DMR's) are available electronically on the office computer.