

MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

MINE NAME:		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
Centennial and Indian Springs Uranium Proje		P-2007-015	Uranium	Weld
INSPECTION TYPE:		WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Surety-Related Inspection			June 12, 2024	10:00
OPERATOR:		OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Powertech (USA) Inc.		Peter Luthiger, Lisa Scheinost	MP - Mineral Prospecting	
REASON FOR INSPECTION:		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Surety Release Requested		None	\$97,400.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
NA		None	None	
INSPECTOR(S):	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE DATE:	
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GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

(AR) RECORDS <u>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY Y	(RD) ROADS <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION N	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>N</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

The Centennial and Indian Springs Uranium Projects Notice of Intent (NOI) was inspected by Hunter Ridley with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) in response to a release request (SL-1) submitted to the Division on May 23, 2024. Lisa Scheinost and Peter Luthier with Powertech (USA) Inc. were present during the inspection. This inspection is considered nonconfidential due to the submittal of modification no. 1 (MD-01) on September 17, 2012.

The Centennial and Indian Springs Uranium Projects is a NOI to Prospect for in-situ uranium. The original NOI included exploratory wells, aquifer test wells, aquifer test observation wells and baseline water quality monitoring wells. As of February 17, 2009, the Division has received the proper abandonment reports for all exploratory core holes. The remaining well locations are monitoring wells, aquifer test wells, or are wells previously drilled by Rocky Mountain Energy and refurbished by Powertech (USA) Inc in 2007. Reclamation reports and the required Well Construction and Test Reports have been received for all monitoring wells which will be permanent in final reclamation. The project area was inspected from north to south via existing Weld County roads and two-track ranch access roads. Prior access approval was obtained for wells located on private property.

Over the course of the Division's two previous inspections of the site, all wells and abandoned borehole locations have been observed and inspected. A tabled list of these borehole and well locations is attached below.

Two well locations, BH836 and BH842, were determined to be missing from their recorded locations during the previous inspection. The Operator has since submitted a Modification (MD-2) to clarify the location of both wells locations and to provide proof of plugging and abandonment of these wells. MD-2 was approved by the Division on May 22, 2024.

When necessary, well locations have been protected by corral fencing or are within private property protected by barbed wire. All wells are sealed with a locked, metal cap. No erosion or sedimentation issues were noted. Wells sites are clear of drilling debris or trash. The surrounding vegetated areas were stable and had good cover. No new activity has occurred since the last inspection on October 25, 2019.

The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$97,400.00 for this site. This amount will be subject to release back to the Operator with the approval of SL1.

Based on observations from this inspection, the Division will **approve** the full and final release of Permit P-2007-015, Centennial and Indian Springs Uranium Project.

Representative photographs taken during the inspection has been included below. Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Hunter Ridley at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 720-868-7757 or via email at <u>hunter.ridley@state.co.us</u>.

PERMIT #: P-2007-015 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: HR1 INSPECTION DATE: June 12, 2024

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Several holes have been permanently abandoned via conversion to water wells.



Figure 2: Wells are protected by cattle guards.



Figure 3: Wells are secured with locks and labeled with small, metal plates.

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