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Inspection Report July 2024 Seneca IIW

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Good afternoon Miranda

Please find the July 2024 inspection for the Seneca IIW mine site. This was a complete inspection.

Please let me know of any questions you may have.

Thank you

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2 attachments



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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1982-057 Mine Name: Seneca IIW Mine Operator: Seneca Property LLC Operator Address: Ms. Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	County: Routt Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Miranda Kawcak
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) This report was issued electronically from the Divisions' Denver Office.	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: 24 July 2024 Inspection Start Time: 9:00 a.m. Inspection End Date: 24 July 2024 Inspection End Time: 3:30 p.m.		Inspection Type: Coal Complete Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Partly Cloudy	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts:	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts:	
Inspector(s): Robin Reilley, M.S. GISP	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: 25 July 2024

Inspection Topic Summary	
NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable	
R - Air Resource Protection R - Availability of Records NA - Backfill & Grading NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste NA - Explosives R - Fish & Wildlife R - Hydrologic Balance R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan NA - Other NA - Processing Waste	R - Roads R - Reclamation Success R - Revegetation R - Subsidence R - Slides and Other Damage NA - Support Facilities On-site R - Signs and Markers NA - Support Facilities Not On-site NA - Special Categories Of Mining NA - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a complete inspection of the Seneca IIW Mine, C1982057, operated by Seneca Property LLC. The inspection was conducted, and the report prepared by me, Robin Reilley of the DRMS. Miranda Kawcak, Seneca Properties Inc. representative was present throughout the inspection. No hydrologic or air quality issues were detected at the time of inspection. The weather was partly cloudy and the sky was obscured by smoke haze from wildfires in the North west and Canada, A slight breeze was present with temperatures hovering around 91 degrees Fahrenheit.

PERMITTING ACTIONS in PROGRESS:

None at this time.

Maintenance Items

- Pond 6: Vegetation, willows and grasses should be cleared from flume entrance and exit.
- Pond 16: Grasses around flume need to be removed.
- Pond 17: Cattails at flume entrance require removal.

GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

Reclamation is complete and executed as permitted. Approximately 120 acres of Phase I released reclamation remain for bond release. These acres comprise the main haul road, Pond 6 and the slide area above; Ponds 15, 16 and 17 and the slide area on the east side of the site above Pond 15.

SIGNS and MARKERS – Rule 4.02

- The mine identification signs were in place at the site entrance from the County Road and the road up to Pond 15. The signs were intact, displaying all required information: mine name, operator name, address, phone number, DRMS permit number and contact information.

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Number of Partial Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

ROADS – Rule 4.03

Construction 4.03.1(3) I 4.03.2(3); Drainage 4.03.1(4) I 4.03.2(4); Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6) I 4.03.2(5) and (6); Reclamation 4.03.1(7) I 4.03.2(7)

- The entire site was accessible, and roads were in adequate condition.
- Access roads were grass covered due to not being driven on since autumn of 2023.

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; Drainage- Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18

Pond banks appeared stable and vegetated. Spillways appeared in good repair and clear at the time of inspection. Flumes were functioning properly, and dams appeared stable, and vegetated with no signs of seepage. Ponds visited comprised ponds 6, 15, 16 and 17. All ponds held water and were discharging at the time of inspection .

- Pond 6 was discharging clear water.
- Vegetation, willows and grasses should be cleared from flume entrance and exit.
- Pond 15 was discharging. The water appeared turbid at the time of inspection.
- Pond 16 was discharging. The water appeared slightly turbid.
- Grasses around flume need to be removed.
- Pond 17 was discharging. Cattails at flume entrance require removal.
- Stock tanks T2 and T3 held turbid water.

SLIDES and OTHER DAMAGE- Rule 4.12

The two slumps and associated crack between them at Pond 6 appeared stable at the time of inspection. No new movement was noted at the time of inspection. Yellow sweet clover had established itself in the slump that occurred in the spring of 2022

REVEGETATION - Rule 4.15

General Requirements 4.15.1; Use of Species 4.15.2, Grazing 4.15.5

- Revegetated areas of reclamation appear stable and at certain aspects were beginning to dry out at the time of inspection. A diverse mix of shrubs grasses and perennials was observed throughout the site.
- Soil was dry as a result of a hot July.

FISH and WILDLIFE– RULE 4.18

Wildlife sightings included waterfowl, red and white tailed hawks, ravens, and a large herd of cow elk.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

None

INSPECTIONS 5.02; Availability of Records

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Records were inspected as this was a complete inspection. See any yellow highlighted items on the checklist.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine Identification sign at site entrance.



Photo 2: Mine Identification sign road to Pond 15.

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Photo 3: Pond 6, exhibiting very clear water and discharging.



Photo 4: Pond 16, looking up valley, discharging clear water.

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Photo 5: Pond 16 discharge culvert, discharging clear water.



Photo 6: Pond 15 looking up valley, discharging at the time of inspection.

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AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**PERMIT RECORDS**

DRMS Permit	OK. Exp 2025
Permit Application w/Revisions	2021 RN 7
Findings Document	RN 7 2021
Insurance Certificate	EXP 1 Aug 2024
Bond Document	yes
Phased Bond Release	SL 8. Miranda's
Documents/Findings	office
Air Emission Permits	OK
County Special Use Permits	OK
Mining Landowner Notification	OK
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	
Subsidence Monitoring Data	
Rill & Gully Survey	2018 Rill gully.
Vegetation Monitoring Data	SL7 Miranda's
	Office
Specific Variance Approvals	Permit
Annual Reclamation Reports	2023 elec
Midterm Review Documents	MT 8 2023 elec
DRMS/OSM Inspection	Through 2024
Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)	ELEC
Transfers/Succession of Operator	OK. 2016
Temporary Cessation Notification	
Reclamation Cost Estimate	SL7, 2021 ELEC

CERTIFICATIONS

Pond Certifications	Tab 13 Permit
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	Doc
	Oct 2022
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	
• Quarterly Inspections	
• Compaction Testing	
• Final Certification	
Coal Processing Waste Banks	
Haul Road Certifications	Tab 13
Access Road Certifications	NA

HYDROLOGIC RECORDS

NPDES Permit	OK
NPDES Records	DMRs ELEC
Stormwater Management Plan	Miranda's Office
SPCC Plan	With SMP
MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
	Oct 2023
State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Quarterly Pond Inspections	2024 Q2
Annual Hydrology Reports	2023
• Ground Water Monitoring	AHR
• Surface Water Monitoring	AHR
• Spring & Seep Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Inflow Study	AHR
• Water Consumption Records	Miranda's office
Well Permits	Yes

BLASTING RECORDS

Blasting Publication	NA
Blasting Records (3 years)	NA
ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
Blasting Variances	NA
	NA
Pre-Blast Surveys	

ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)

COMMENTS: Yellow highlighted items require attention

- ELEC: Documents are available electronically on Miranda's PC

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