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## Roadside Mine, C-1981-041, July Partial Inspection Report

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

Mon, Aug 12, 2024 at 4:03 PM

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached is the Division's Inspection Report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on July, 31, 2024. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
**Clayton Wein**  
Environmental Protection Specialist



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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-041 <b>Mine Name:</b> Roadside Portals <b>Operator:</b> Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. <b>Operator Address:</b> Ms. Tonya Hammond 743 Horizon Court, Suite 334 Grand Junction, CO 81506	<b>County:</b> Mesa <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Active <b>Ownership:</b> Private
	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>  Tonya Hammond
<b>Operator Representative Signature:</b> (Field Issuance Only)  	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> July 31, 2024 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 09:00 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> July 31, 2024 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 09:30		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Clear	
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Clayton Wein	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Clayton Wein</i>		<b>Signature Date:</b> 8/12/2024

**Inspection Topic Summary**

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

N - Air Resource Protection	N - Roads
N - Availability of Records	R - Reclamation Success
N - Backfill & Grading	N - Revegetation
N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste	N - Subsidence
N - Explosives	N - Slides and Other Damage
N - Fish & Wildlife	N - Support Facilities On-site
R - Hydrologic Balance	R - Signs and Markers
Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan	N - Support Facilities Not On-site
N - Other	N - Special Categories Of Mining
N - Processing Waste	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 July 31, 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 75° F. The ground conditions were dry.

At the end of the inspection the land owner Brett Fontanari showed up and had a brief conversation with the Division's Inspector. Mr. Fontanari was curious about a project that he may want to allow on his property near to or within the northeastern coal permit boundary. The Division's representative let Mr. Fontanari know that a project approved by the landowner within the coal permit boundary would be allowed by the Division, but he would need to notify the Division and the operator of the project's location prior to any activity. The Division and the operator would coordinate with Mr. Fontanari as needed if a project were to take place within the permitted boundary. Mr. Fontanari stated that he would follow up with the Division and the operator in the future if the project is going to move forward.

**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 the Landowner's trenches on the northern and eastern portions of Tract 71 were dry. The water line for the trenches was not connected to the buried pipeline that is located in the southern part of Tract 71.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:**

The TR-69 Repair Area is located in the northern portion of Tract 71. The repair area is approximately 0.4 acres in size. Repair work was completed in the fall of 2009 and the area was reseeded in the fall of 2023 following the area being disturbed by the landowner. Vegetation at the site was filling in well and helping stabilize the reclamation. Vegetation was beginning to dry out in the hot summer weather (Photo 1). The site was stable and

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there were no erosional features identified (Photo 2). No indications of differential settling were observed. The perimeter of the repair area is delineated by a wire fence. The fence was intact and in good repair. Straw sediment logs placed at the low topographical spots were in good condition (Photo 3). There was no indication of off-site impacts.

**SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:**

A Mine identification sign is also posted on the southern fence of the TR-69 Repair Area (Photo 4). The sign was posted in a location with an unobstructed viewshed. The sign was legible and displayed the permit number and contact information for the Division.

**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. Photo 1 was taken looking to the northwest



Photo 2: The TR-69 Repair Area. Photo 2 was taken looking to the east.



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Photo 3: The sediment log located on the western boarder of the TR-69 Repair Area delineated next to the blue line.

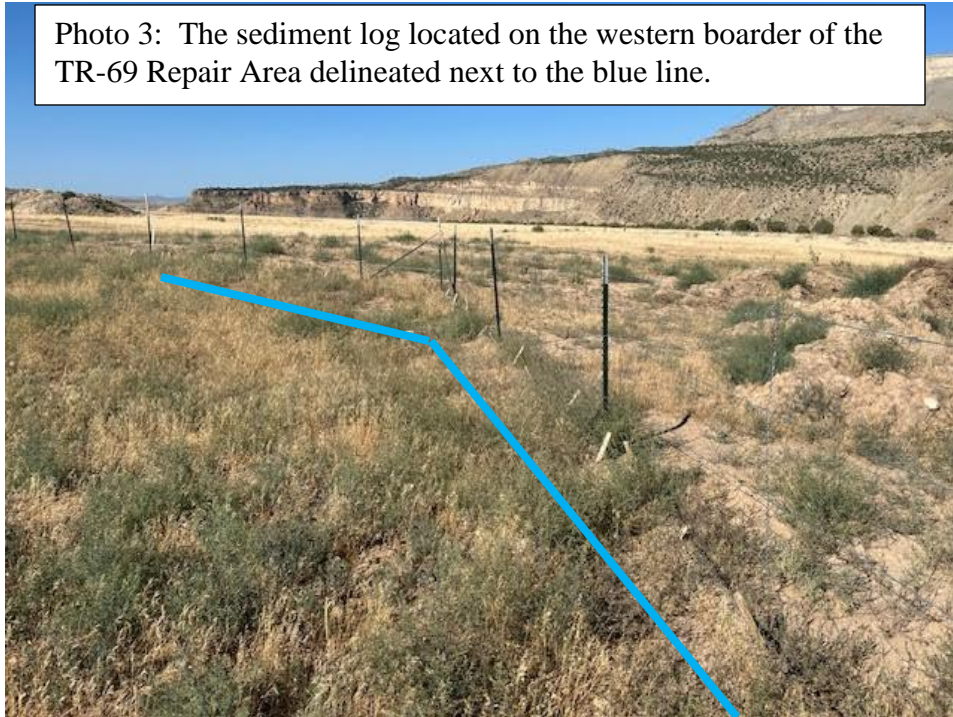


Photo 4: The ID sign posted on the TR-69 Repair Area fence.



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