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

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

Wed, Nov 27, 2024 at 12:02 PM

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached with this email is the Division's report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on November 25, 2024. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,  
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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> November 25, 2024 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 09:30 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> November 25, 2024 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 10:00		<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> 11/27/2024

**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 &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; 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

Y - 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, Permit No. C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on November 25, 2024 by Clayton Wein of the Division. The operator, Snowcap Coal Company (SCC), was represented during the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The Weather was clear with a temperature of 36° F. The ground conditions were dry during the inspection.

**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, a small amount of water was observed in the bottom of the Carey Pit (Photo 1). The Carey Pit is owned by the landowner and located in the southwestern portion of the permit boundary. The water in the pit was left over from when the landowner cleared out their irrigation pipes for the winter. The water stored in the pit was not impacting any of SCC's remaining reclamation.

The landowner's trenches on the northern portion of Tract 71, adjacent to the TR-69 Repair Area, were observed to be dry (Photo 2). There were no indications of recent water application to the trenches.

Outfall 016 is located in the northeastern portion of the permit area. During the inspection, Outfall 016 was discharging at a rate of 109.5 gallons per minute (Photo 3). The outfall was unobstructed by debris and functioning as designed.

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

The remaining reclamation parcel at the roadside mine is located in the western portion of the permit area. The parcel is referred to as the TR-69 Repair Area. The reclaimed area is approximately 0.4 acres in size. The parcel was stable with no erosional features observed (Photos 4, 5 and 6). The straw waddles placed on the western end of the reclamation were intact and in good condition. No indications of differential settling were observed. The

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reclamation parcel was delineated by a wire fence. The fence was in good repair. A mine identification sign was observed to be posted on a south-facing fence post.

**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 small amount of water in the Carey Pit.



Photo 2: The landowner's northern trench on Tract 71 is marked by the blue arrow in Photo 2.



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Photo 4: The southern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 5: The central portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



Photo 6: The northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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