

In the footprint of the construction material stockpile, topsoil will be salvaged and placed in the topsoil stockpile. The topsoil stockpile, construction material stockpile, sediment pond slope and other associated areas will be seeded with the temporary revegetation seed mix (shown in Table 3.4-2) in the fall of each year they are disturbed. No seeding will be necessary if the piles are not disturbed during the year.

A sediment drying area is located adjacent to the sediment pond. Sediment cleaned from ditches and the sediment pond is placed in this pile for drying before the material is hauled to a suitable stockpile. Coal mine waste is also stored in this area. Material that does not have a significant coal component will be placed in the construction material stockpile. The maximum capacity of the sediment drying area is 1,000 cubic yards.

The sediment drying area will be expanded in 2025 so sediments can be stored in the area until a permanent coal mine waste disposal area is permitted and constructed. The capacity of the expanded sediment drying area will be approximately 1,765 cubic yards. The sediment drying area will be removed, and material placed in the coal mine waste disposal area once it is constructed. The details of this proposed area are found in Figure 1.1.

#### 2.2.3i Coal Mine Waste Disposal Area

A new coal mine waste disposal area was to be constructed in 2009. A cultural resource issue has delayed the construction of the disposal area at least one year. The total new disturbed area of the coal mine waste disposal area will be approximately 4.75 acres including required stockpiles, and sedimentation controls. The capacity of the refuse disposal area will be approximately 38,000 CY. The goal is to salvage approximately 10,000 CY from excavating the foundation of the pile for placement and storage in the construction material stockpile to ensure there is adequate material for final reclamation.

In the interim, before construction of the new waste disposal area at the McClane Canyon Mine, the Operator will haul some or all of its coal mine waste from its drying area to Snowcap Coal Company's Cameo Refuse Disposal Area No.1 (CRDA-1). Geochemical data for the Operator's coal mine waste is included in Tables 2.1-4, 5 & 6. The Operator was approved to dispose of coal mine waste from the McClane Canyon Mine at the CRDA-1 pile in 2001.

#### 2.2.4 Access Control Features

Existing fences and signs will be used to control access to the permit area. All signs will be of standard design, using durable material that can readily be seen and read in accordance with appropriate regulations. The signs will not be removed until after release of all bonds.

Access to and from Colorado Highway 139 will be in accordance with safety requirements of the Colorado State Highway Department.