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Inspection report for Keenesburg Strip Mine

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To: "Moline, Ben" <ben.moline@molsoncoors.com>

Hi, Ben -

Thanks for the call back today. I look forward to hearing what the landowner has to say about continued access to the site.

Here is my report.

Best to you in 2025.

Rob

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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-028 Mine Name: Keenesburg Strip Mine Operator: Coors Energy Company Operator Address: Mr. Ben Moline P.O. Box 4030 Golden, CO 80402	County: Weld Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: None
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: December 30, 2024 Inspection Start Time: 10:20 Inspection End Date: December 30, 2024 Inspection End Time: 11:10		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Windy	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: 	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: 	
Inspector(s): Robert Zuber, P.E.	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: 12/30/2024

Inspection Topic Summary

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

R - Air Resource Protection**N** - Availability of Records**NA** - Backfill & Grading**NA** - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste**NA** - Explosives**R** - Fish & Wildlife**R** - Hydrologic Balance**Y** - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan**N** - Other**NA** - Processing Waste**NA** - Roads**R** - Reclamation Success**N** - Revegetation**NA** - Subsidence**Y** - 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**

A partial inspection was conducted by Rob Zuber of DRMS on December 30, 2024. No Coors Energy Company (CEC) representative was present at the inspection, but Ben Moline of Coors Energy Company was contacted by telephone to discuss access issues at the site. The site was not accessible to the Division via the entrance road due to a locked gate on Weld County Road 59. Mr. Moline stated that he would discuss this with the landowner and then with the Division. The December 2024 inspection entailed walking the southeast corner of the site.

The site is in Permanent Cessation. Most reclamation activities were completed in the fall of 2020. Due to poor success in some areas, however, Coors Energy reclaimed some areas again (harrowing and seeding) in the spring of 2022 and fall of 2023.

The weather was clear, cool, and very windy. The ground was dry.

AIR RESOURCE PROTECTION – Rule 4.17:

Despite significant winds, dust storms were not encountered during the inspection.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Several birds were seen at the Dugout Pond.

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:

The Dugout Pond contained no visible water. No problems were observed.

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RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

No erosion problems were seen on the parcels on the east side of the site, including Areas 34 and 38 (the southeast corner of the site), the reclaimed road by the dugout pond, Area 25, and Area 36 (observed from afar).

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Boundary markers were observed at the southeast corner of the site, Area 34. The markers appeared to be in correct locations, as checked with GPS technology (Field Maps software on an iPhone). This includes the “peninsula” of the permit boundary that extends into Section 36 (Township 3 North, Range 64 West).

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED - none**OTHER (SPECIFY) - none****ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Locked gate on County Road 59



Looking northwest at Area 38

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Looking southwest at Area 34



Dugout Pond, looking north

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Looking west at Area 25 and areas beyond



Boundary markers at south end of Area 34 (“peninsula” of boundary)

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