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**Roadside Portals Mine, C-1981-041, January Partial Inspection Report**

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Tue, Feb 11, 2025 at 12:45 PM

To: Tonya Hammond &lt;tonya.snowcap@gmail.com&gt;

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached with this email is the Division's report for the Partial Inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine on January 30, 2025. Please note the item at the end of the report in bold text. The text refers to the recently approved MR-90 and requests that any Mine ID signs be updated if necessary. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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 P. O. Box 443 Grand Junction, CO 81502	<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> January 30, 2025 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 10:05 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> January 30, 2025 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 10:45		<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> 2/11/2025

**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

R - 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 Portals Mine, Permit No. C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted by Clayton Wein on January 30, 2025. Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) was represented during the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was clear, breezy and a temperature of 38°F. The ground conditions were dry.

**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 eastern and northern trenches located on Tract 71 were dry (Photo 1). There were no indications of recent water application within the trenches. The Carey pit is located within the southwest corner of the permit area. The landowner's pit was observed to have a small puddle of water in the bottom (Photo 2). There was no indication of water application from the landowner's buried pipeline through the open trench into the pit. The water in the pit was likely from recent precipitation events.

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

The remaining reclamation at the mine site, TR-69 Repair Area, is in the northern portion of what is referred to Tract 71. The reclamation is approximately 0.4 acres in size. During October of 2023 the Division observed SCC's reclamation to have been bladed by the landowner. SCC subsequently repaired the reclamation and reseeded the 0.4 acres. Vegetation has grown in during 2024. The site was observed to be stable with no erosional features identified (Photos 3, 4 and 5). The sediment waddles places at the down-gradient portion of the reclamation were observed to be in good condition (Photo 6). No off-site impacts had occurred. The perimeter fence surrounding the disturbed area was in good conditions.

**SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:**Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 5Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

A mine identification sign was observed to be posted on the southeast corner of the TR-69 repair area. The sign was located in an unobstructed area. The sign displayed current mine identification at the time of the inspection. After the inspection and prior to the date of this report, SCC's Minor Revision No. 90 was approved. The minor revision updated the permit with new officer and controller information. **Please update any mine identification signs for the Roadside mine as necessary to reflect any of the updates approved under MR-90.**

**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 Landowner's northern trench.



Photo 2: The Carey Pit.



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Photo 3: The southern end of the TR-69 Repair Area.

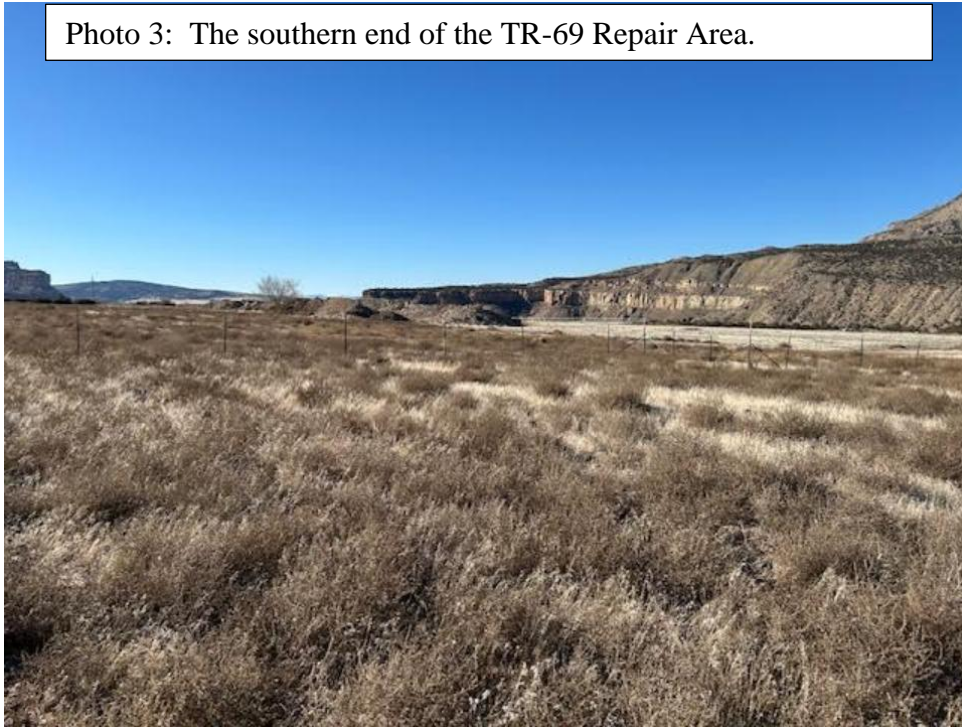
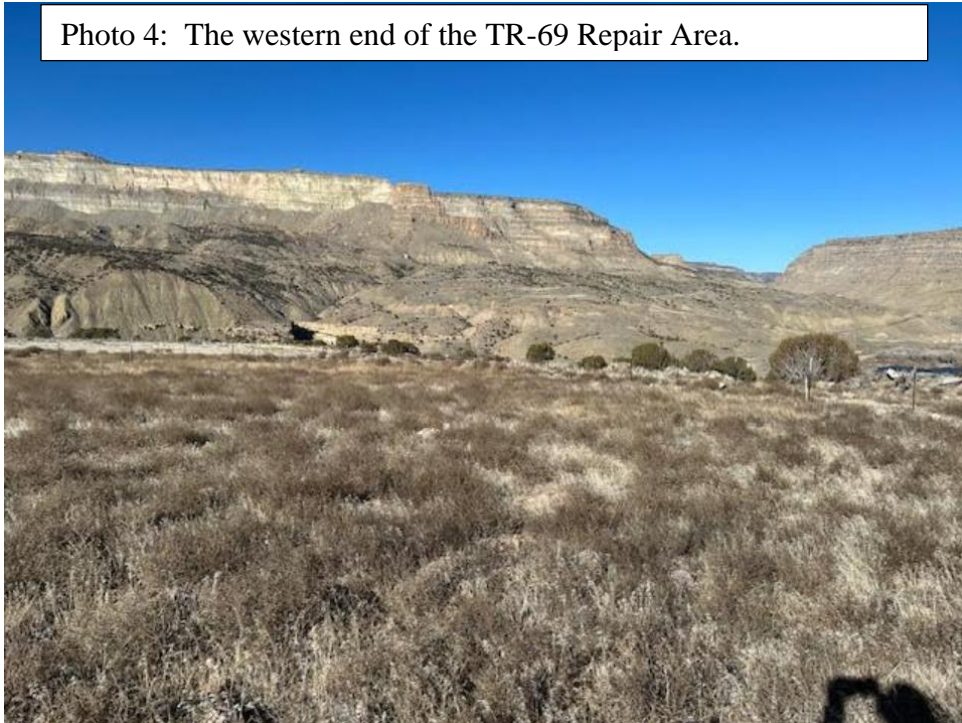


Photo 4: The western end of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 5: The Northern end of the TR-69 Repair Area.

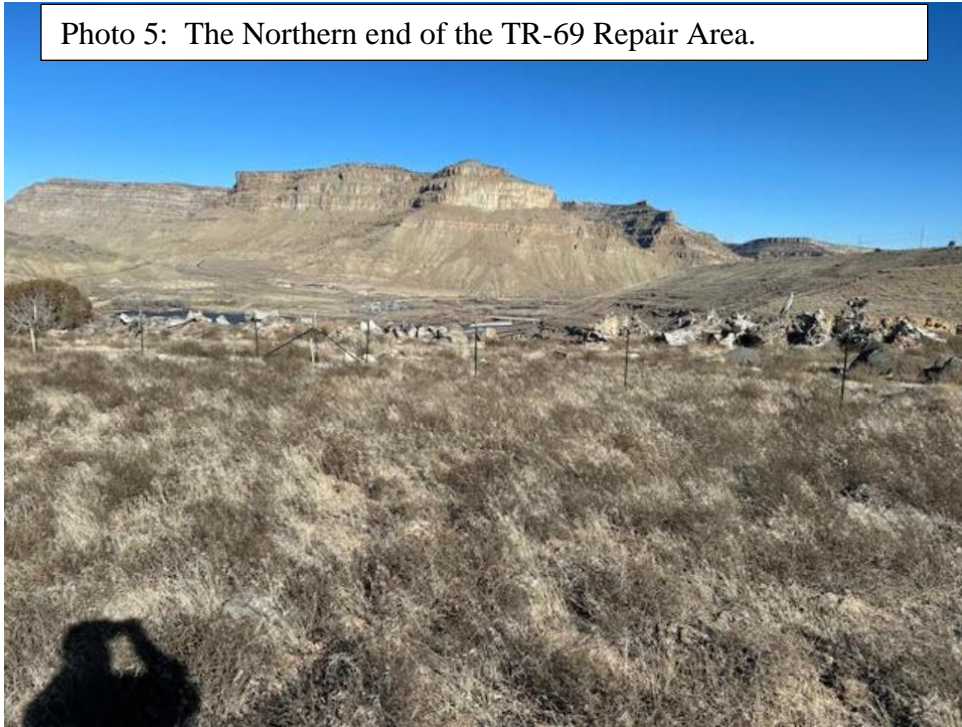
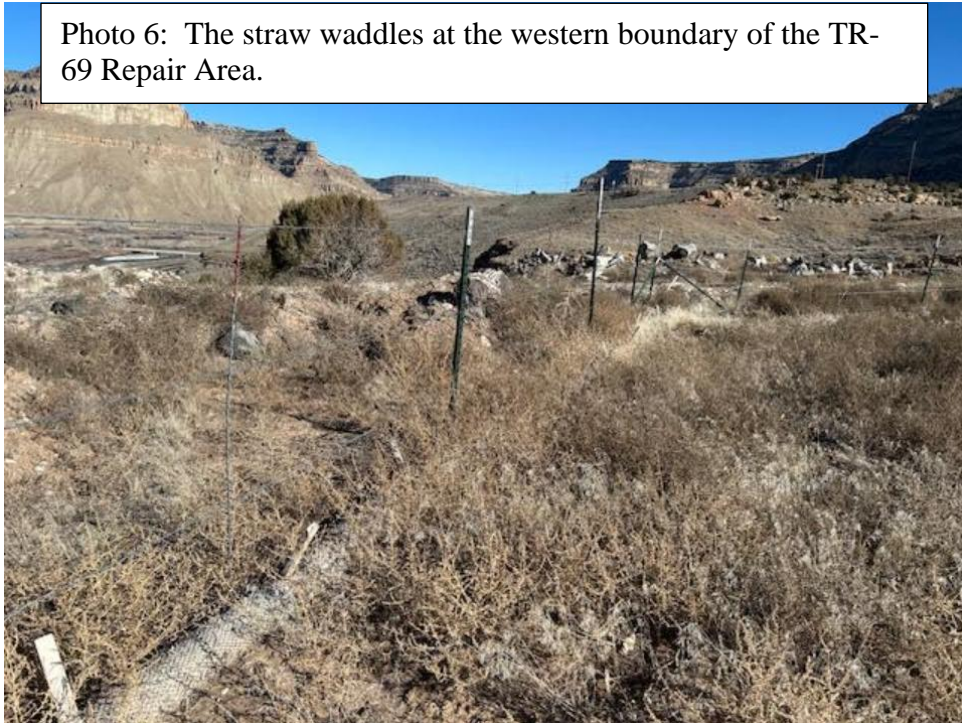


Photo 6: The straw waddles at the western boundary of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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