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February inspection reports

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Fri, Feb 21, 2025 at 10:27 AM

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Miranda and Mike,

Attached are the inspection reports for Foidel Creek, C-1982-056 and Hayden Gulch, C-1992-081.

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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1982-056 Mine Name: Foidel Creek Mine Operator: Twentymile Coal, LLC Operator Address: Ms. Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road No. 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	County: Routt Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Kevin Copeland
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: February 18, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 10:00 Inspection End Date: February 18, 2025 Inspection End Time: 12:00		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Cloudy	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: 	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: 	
Inspector(s): Brock Bowles	Inspector's Signature:  Signature Date: February 21, 2025		

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

N - 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

N - Signs and Markers

R - 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 was a partial inspection of the Foidel Creek Mine conducted by Brock Bowles with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division). Kevin Copeland of Twentymile Coal, LLC. (TC) was present for the inspection. The weather at the time of the inspection was cloudy, cool and the ground was snow covered, limiting access to most areas.

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 B Ponds were snow covered and the discharge point was also snow covered (photo 1). The sump above Ponds B was buried in snow.

Pond D was snow covered. The wash plant was discharging water into the pond on the east side (photo 2). Water was passing through the discharge point. The pit pond was free of ice.

Pond E was snow covered (photo 3). The inlet on the east side of the pond was melted indicating some inflow to the pond. Mr. Copeland said the pond was discharging when he snowshoed to the discharge point last week.

Ditch E-1 behind the maintenance shop has been cleaned (photo 4). The large snow pile noted in the January 2025 inspection report has been removed allowing for the proper operation of Ditch E-1.

The berm on the west side of the stoker coal loadout facility was in place and containing runoff contained as designed (photo 5).

GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

A small pile of coal was stacked on the BOB storage area.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**OTHER (SPECIFY)**

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 5

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 3

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1- Pond B discharge location, facing northwest toward Foidel Creek

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Photo 2 – Pond D, facing east



Pond 3- Pond E, facing east

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Photo 4- Ditch E-1 behind the warehouse is cleared



Photo 5 – Berm by stoker coal load out

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