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Inspection report for C1981028, February 2025

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Wed, Feb 26, 2025 at 12:58 PM

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

Hi, Ben -

Here is my report from my inspection on Monday. No issues to report.

Have a good one.

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: February 24, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 08:45 Inspection End Date: February 24, 2025 Inspection End Time: 09:45		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
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: 2/26/2025

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

NA - Backfill & Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

R - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

N - Other

NA - Processing Waste

NA - Roads

R - Reclamation Success

Y - 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 February 24, 2025. No Coors Energy Company (CEC) representative was present at the inspection.

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 and cool (59 deg F at start). The ground was mostly dry with mud in some areas from recent snow.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

An owl was seen at Sediment Pond 2. Many birds were seen and heard 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:

Sediment Pond 2 and the Dugout Pond contained no visible water. The bottoms of both ponds are obscured by vegetation. Neither was discharging during the inspection, and there were no signs that the ponds had discharged recently. No problems were observed with inlets, spillways, or other parts of the ponds.

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GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

No signs of impacts to adjacent areas were seen at the permit boundaries.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

No erosion problems were seen on any parcels. All of the permit area was observed by driving and walking.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

The entrance sign was in place and contained the necessary information. Boundary markers were observed on all sides of the site.

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



Area 34, looking southeast

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Area 38, looking northeast



Area 25, looking northeast

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Area 36 (Long Term Spoil Area), center of area, looking northwest



West side of disturbance area, looking north from Area 44

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