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Roadside Portals Mine, C-1981-041, February Partial Inspection Report

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Thu, Feb 27, 2025 at 2:35 PM

To: Tonya Hammond <tonya.snowcap@gmail.com>

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Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached with this email is the Division's report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine conducted this morning. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Clayton Wein

Environmental Protection Specialist



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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-041 Mine Name: Roadside Portals Operator: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc Operator Address: Ms. Tonya Hammond P. O. Box 443 Grand Junction, CO 81502	County: Mesa Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Tonya Hammond
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: February 27, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 10:05 Inspection End Date: February 27, 2025 Inspection End Time: 10:35		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: None	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: None	
Inspector(s): Clayton Wein	Inspector's Signature: <i>Clayton Wein</i>		
			Signature Date: 2/27/2025

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 & Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

R - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

N - 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

N - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This report documents the observations taken during a routine partial inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine. The inspection was conducted on February 27, 2025, by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company was represented during the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was clear with a temperature of 45°F. The ground conditions were dry.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

During the inspection of the TR-69 Repair Area, several sets of deer tracks were observed south and east of the reclamation parcel.

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:

At the time of the inspection, the bottom of the Carey pit was muddy (Photo 1). The Carey pit is in the southwest corner of what is commonly referred to as Tract 71. This area is touching the southwestern permit boundary. The inlet from the landowner's buried pipeline into the pit was dry. There was no indication of recent water application to the open trench (Photo 2).

The landowner has a series of open trenches within the northern and eastern parts of Tract 71 and within the mine permit boundary. The trenches' northern portion is directly north of the TR-69 repair area's disturbance boundary (Photo 3). The trenches are connected via a PVC pipe to the buried pipeline in the southeastern portion of Tract 71. There was no indication of recent application of water in the landowner's trenches. The trenches were observed to be dry.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

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The TR-69 Repair Area is the only remaining permitted disturbance within the permit boundary. The TR-69 Repair Area is approximately 0.4 acres in size. During the inspection, the TR-69 Repair Area was covered with vegetation and was stable (Photos 4, 5 and 6). Vegetation at the site is still dormant for the winter season. There were no indications of differential settling or erosion identified. The sediment logs were observed to be in place at the down-gradient portions of the disturbed area (Photo 7). The sediment logs were in good condition and there were no off-site impacts seen. The disturbed area has a fence surrounding it with a mine identification sign clearly posted on the southeast corner. The fence was in good repair and the sign was clearly legible.

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: Looking west from the permit boundary to the Carey Pit.



Photo 2: The inlet to the Carey Pit, on the southeast side of the pit at the permit boundary.



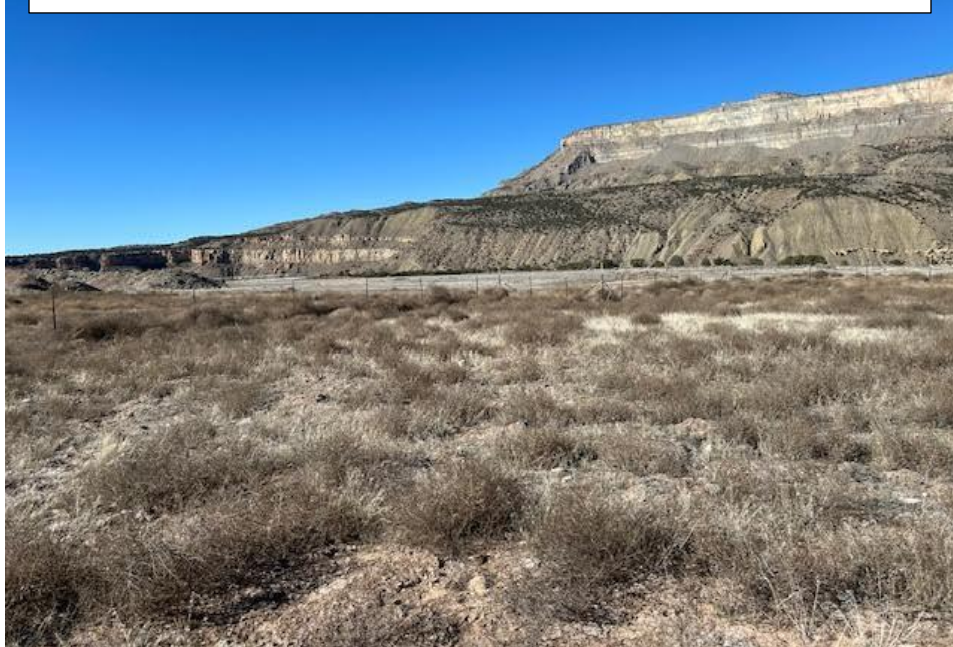
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Photo 3: The eastern portion of the landowner's trench on Tract 71.



Photo 4: The southern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 5: The central portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



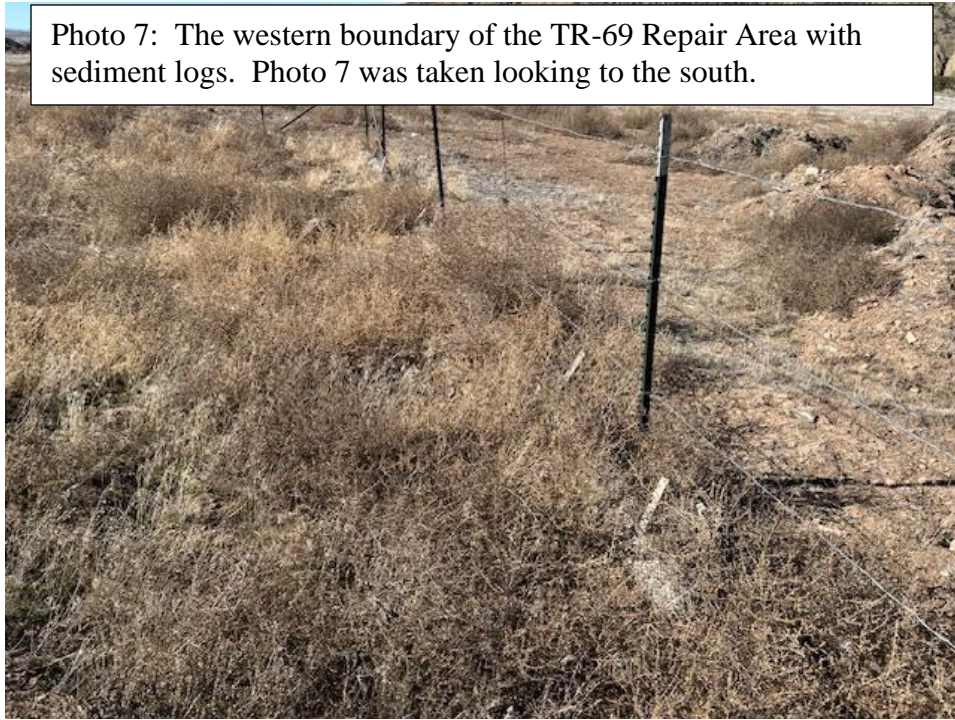
Photo 6: The northern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 7: The western boundary of the TR-69 Repair Area with sediment logs. Photo 7 was taken looking to the south.



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