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## March Inspections Williams Fork, Seneca IIW and Yoast

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To: "Kawcak, Miranda" <MKawcak@peabodyenergy.com>, Robin Reilley - DNR <robin.reilley@state.co.us>

Good Evening Miranda,

Please find DRMS's March 2025 inspection reports for the above referenced sites.

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### 3 attachments

**Insp\_Complete\_WilliamsFork\_2025\_03\_March.pdf**  
1113K

**Ins\_Complete\_Seneca\_2025\_03March.pdf**  
1128K

**Insp\_Partial\_Yoast\_2025\_03\_March.pdf**  
975K



## COLORADO


Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

### PERMIT INFORMATION

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1982-057 <b>Mine Name:</b> Seneca IIW Mine <b>Operator:</b> Seneca Property LLC  <b>Operator Address:</b> Ms. Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	<b>County:</b> Routt <b>Operation Type:</b> Surface <b>Permit Status:</b> Permanent Cessation <b>Ownership:</b> Private  <b>Operator Representative Present:</b> Ms. Miranda Kawcak
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b> This report was issued electronically from the Divisions' Denver Office.	

### INSPECTION INFORMATION

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> 12 March 2025 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Inspection End Date:</b> 12 March 2025 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 11:30 a.m.		<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>	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Robin Reilley, M.S. GISP	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b> 		<b>Signature Date:</b>  12 March 2025

<b>Inspection Topic Summary</b>	
NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable	
<b>Y</b> - Air Resource Protection <b>Y</b> - Availability of Records <b>NA</b> - Backfill & Grading <b>NA</b> - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste <b>NA</b> - Explosives <b>R</b> - Fish & Wildlife <b>R</b> - Hydrologic Balance <b>R</b> - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan <b>NA</b> - Other <b>NA</b> - Processing Waste	<b>R</b> - Roads <b>N</b> - Reclamation Success <b>N</b> - Revegetation <b>N</b> - Subsidence <b>R</b> - Slides and Other Damage <b>NA</b> - Support Facilities On-site <b>R</b> - Signs and Markers <b>NA</b> - Support Facilities Not On-site <b>NA</b> - Special Categories Of Mining <b>NA</b> - Topsoil

### COMMENTS

This was complete inspection of the Seneca IIW Mine, C1982057, operated by Seneca Property LLC. The images were collected and the report prepared by me, Robin Reilley of the DRMS. Miranda Kawcak, mine representative was present throughout the inspection. The sky was clear with a slight breeze. Access was limited to Pond 6 as the roads remain mostly snow covered.

#### *PERMITTING ACTIONS in PROGRESS:*

*SL 8.*

#### *GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:*

Reclamation is complete and executed as permitted. Approximately 107.9 acres of Phase I released acres remain for bond release. These acres comprise the main haul road, Pond 6 and the slide area above; Ponds 15 and 16 and the slide area on the east side of the site.

#### *SIGNS and MARKERS – Rule 4.02*

- The mine identification sign was in place at the site entrance from County Road 53. The sign was intact, displaying all required information: mine name, operator name, address, phone number, DRMS permit number and contact information.

#### *ROADS – Rule 4.03*

*Construction 4.03.1(3) I 4.03.2(3); Drainage 4.03.1(4) I 4.03.2(4); Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6) I 4.03.2(5) and (6); Reclamation 4.03.1(7) I 4.03.2(7)*

- Main haul road was snow covered past Pond 6.
- The site was not accessible past Pond 6 due to winter snow cover as roads are not plowed.

#### *HYDROLOGIC BALANCE – Rule 4.05*

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*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; Drainage- Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6, 4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18*

- Pond 6 banks and dam appeared stable, and snow covered with no signs of seepage.
- Pond 6 was discharging at the time of inspection.

*SLIDES and OTHER DAMAGE- Rule 4.12*

- Past slides, slumps, and cracking were observed and no new movement was detected.
- Slumped areas remain snow covered.

*FISH and WILDLIFE- RULE 4.18*

- Wildlife sightings included blue birds and ravens.

*INSPECTION, ENFORCEMENT and CIVIL PENALTIES – RULE 5*

*Inspections 5.02; Availability of Records*

- As this was a complete inspection, records were checked, see any highlighted items.
- No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

*DOCUMENTS RECEIVED*

*None*

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



*Photo 1: Slumped slope above Pond 6.*

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*Photo 2: Slumped slope downgradient of Pond 6.*



*Photo 3: Pond 6 and decant structure. Pond 6 was discharging.*

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*Photo 4: Pond 6 drainage and discharge culvert.*



*Photo5: Mine identification sign at entrance from County Road 53.*

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**AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS****PERMIT RECORDS**

DRMS Permit	OK. Exp 2025
Permit Application w/Revisions	2021 RN 7
Findings Document	RN 7 2021
Insurance Certificate	EXP 1 Aug 2025
Bond Document	yes
Phased Bond Release Documents/Findings	SL 8. Miranda's office
Air Emission Permits	OK
County Special Use Permits	OK
Mining Landowner Notification	OK
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	
Subsidence Monitoring Data	
Rill & Gully Survey	2018 Rill gully.
Vegetation Monitoring Data	SL7 Miranda's Office
Specific Variance Approvals	Permit
Annual Reclamation Reports	2023 elec
Midterm Review Documents	MT 8 2023 elec
DRMS/OSM Inspection Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)	Through oct 2024 ELEC
Transfers/Succession of Operator	OK. 2016
Temporary Cessation Notification	
Reclamation Cost Estimate	SL7, 2021 ELEC
<b>CERTIFICATIONS</b>	
Pond Certifications	Tab 13 Permit Doc
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	Oct 2024
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	
• Quarterly Inspections	
• Compaction Testing	
• Final Certification	
Coal Processing Waste Banks	
Haul Road Certifications	Tab 13
Access Road Certifications	NA

**HYDROLOGIC RECORDS**

NPDES Permit	OK
NPDES Records	DMRs ELEC
Stormwater Management Plan	Miranda's Office
SPCC Plan	With SMP
MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
State Engineer's Pond Inspection	NA
Quarterly Pond Inspections	2024 Q3
Annual Hydrology Reports	2023
• Ground Water Monitoring	AHR
• Surface Water Monitoring	AHR
• Spring & Seep Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Inflow Study	AHR
• Water Consumption Records	Miranda's office
Well Permits	Yes

**BLASTING RECORDS**

Blasting Publication	NA
Blasting Records (3 years)	NA
ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
Blasting Variances	NA
Pre-Blast Surveys	NA

**ADDITIONAL RECORDS  
(specify)**


COMMENTS: Yellow highlighted items require attention

- ELEC: Documents are available electronically on Miranda's PC

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