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Keenesburg inspection report

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Fri, Apr 4, 2025 at 10:35 AM

Hi, Ben -

I hope you are doing well.

Here is my report from my inspection last week for permit C-1981-028.

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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: March 28, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 10:00 Inspection End Date: March 28, 2025 Inspection End Time: 10:50	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): Robert Zuber, P.E.	Inspector's Signature:  Signature Date: 4/4/2025

Inspection Topic Summary

NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable

Y - 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

R - 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 March 28, 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 cloudy and warm (66 deg F at start). The ground was dry.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Coyotes were heard but not seen on site.

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.

The ditch along the northern boundary was functioning.

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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. The eastern half of the permit area was observed.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15

Vegetative Cover; Timing:

No weed problems were identified. Green grass was emerging in some areas, including Area 42, west of Area 26. One area in the Long Term Spoil Area (Area 36, near Area 37) was largely devoid of vegetation.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

The entrance sign was in place and contained the necessary information. Boundary markers were observed on the east, south, and north sides of the site (the west side was not inspected).

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



Dugout Pond



Sediment Pond 2

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Green grass emerging in Area 42, west of Area 26



Bare spot in Long Term Spoil Area (Area 36)

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Northern boundary and ditch, looking east at Sediment Pond 2



Northern boundary and ditch, looking northwest

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Area 34



Area 38, south of facilities

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Looking west at site, from area beside the Dugout Pond

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