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## Roadside Portals Mine, C-1981-041, April Inspection Report

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Thu, May 1, 2025 at 10:19 AM

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

Cc: DNR DRMS\_CoalAdmin - DNR <dnr\_drms\_coal\_admin@state.co.us>

Good morning Tonya,

Attached is the Division's Inspection report for the partial inspection that was conducted on April 29, 2025. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

**Clayton Wein**

**Environmental Protection Specialist**



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**PERMIT INFORMATION**

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

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

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| <b>Inspection Start Date:</b> April 29, 2025<br><b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 09:00<br><b>Inspection End Date:</b> April 29, 2025<br><b>Inspection End Time:</b> 09:30 |                                                                                                    | <b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection<br><b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program<br><b>Weather:</b> Clear |  |
| <b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b><br><br>None                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                    | <b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b><br><br>None                                                                            |  |
| <b>Post Inspection Agency:</b><br><br>None                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                    | <b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b><br><br>None                                                                             |  |
| <b>Inspector(s):</b><br><br>Clayton Wein                                                                                                                               | <b>Inspector's Signature:</b><br><br><i>Clayton Wein</i><br><br><b>Signature Date:</b><br>5/1/2025 |                                                                                                                          |  |

**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 &amp; Grading

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; 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

R - Signs and Markers

N - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This report documents the Division's observations taken during a partial inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine, Permit Number C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on April 29, 2025, by Clayton Wein of the Division. The operator, Snowcap Coal Company (SCC), was represented during the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was clear with a temperature of 50°F. The ground conditions were dry during the inspection.

**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:

During the inspection, the landowner's trenches located on the north and eastern portions of Tract 71 were dry. There was no indication of the recent application of water in the trenches. The Carey Pit is located adjacent to the southwest corner of the permit area. The pit was observed from the permit boundary to be muddy but not holding any water (Photo 1). The landowner's buried pipeline on the southern part of Tract 71, connects to the pit via an open trench. The trench was wet near the exit of the pipe (Photo 2). However, there was no evidence that water had flowed through the trench and into the pit.

**REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15**

Vegetative Cover; Timing:

The remaining reclamation at the Roadside Portals Mine is located within the southwestern portion of the permit boundary, in what is referred to as Tract 71. The reclamation parcel is approximately 0.4 acres in size and commonly called the TR-69 Repair Area. Reclamation was initially completed in the fall of 2019, following the completion of the activities approved under Technical Revision No. 69. The 0.4 acres were subsequently disturbed by the landowner in the fall of 2023. The operator reseeded to reclamation in November of 2023. Vegetation was green during the inspection. The vegetation on the site was growing for the spring season with plant species from the seed mix. The operator had recently sprayed a few spots that were found to have Whitetop

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beginning to grow. During the inspection the Whitetop was observed to be withering from the weed spray (Photo 3). The site was stable and there were no erosional features identified (Photo 4, 5 and 6). The straw waddles placed at the boundary of the downgradient reclamation were observed to be in good condition. No off-site impacts were observed.

**SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:**

The remaining 0.4 acres of reclamation were marked by a fence surrounding the parcel. A mine identification sign was observed to be posted on the southeast fence post. The sign was in good condition and easy to read. The sign contained the permittee's name, address and permit number. The sign was posted in a location with an unobstructed viewshed.

**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: The bottom of the southern end of the Carey Pit.

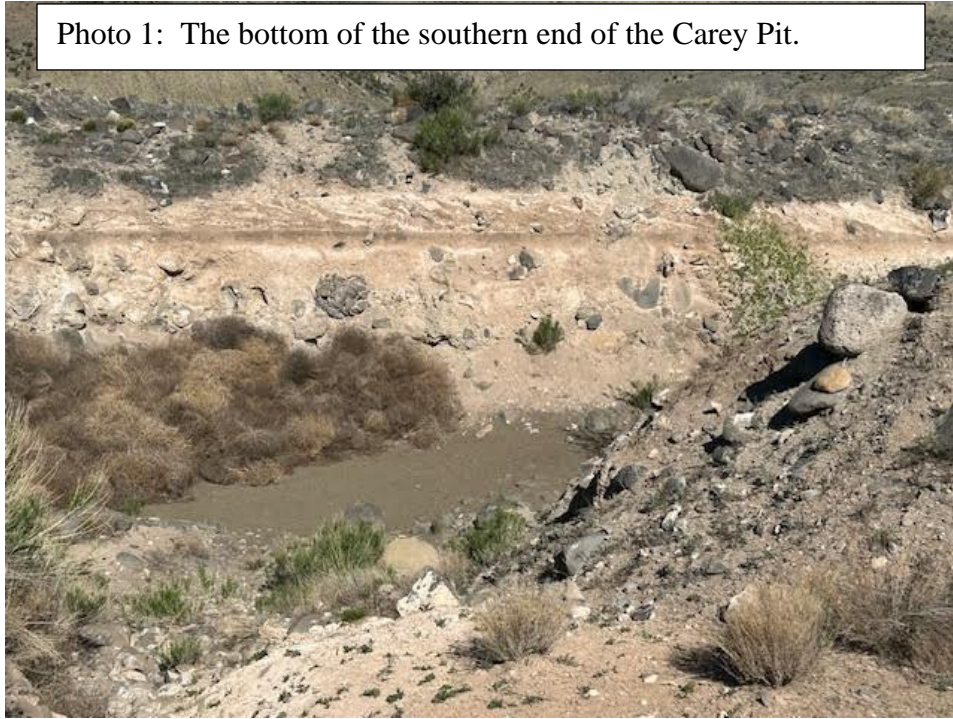
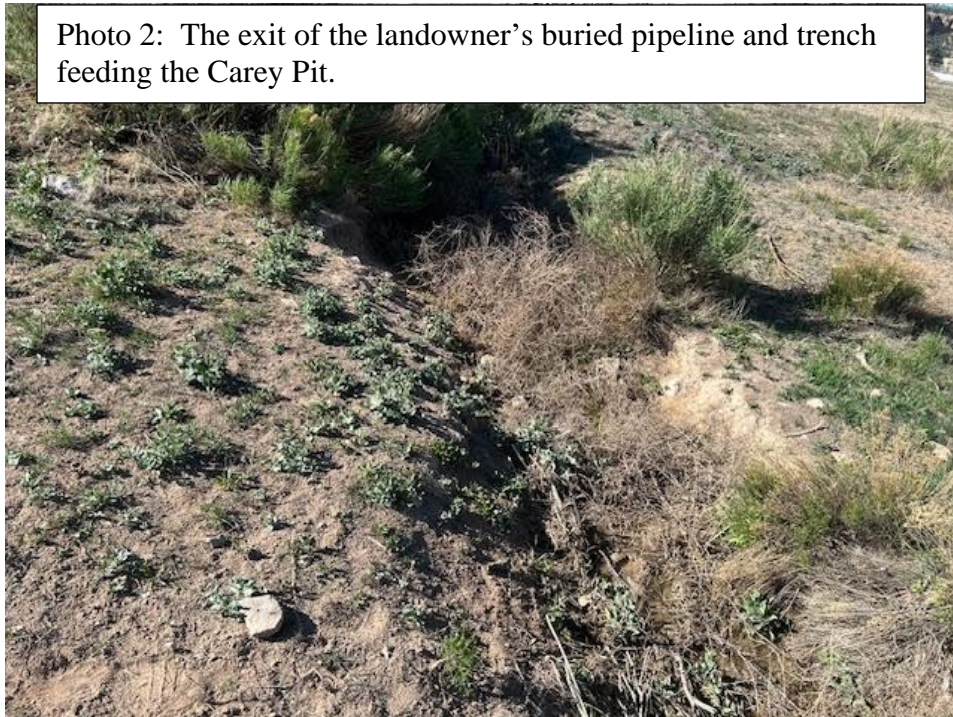


Photo 2: The exit of the landowner's buried pipeline and trench feeding the Carey Pit.



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Photo 3: An example of the withering Whitetop the operator had recently sprayed.

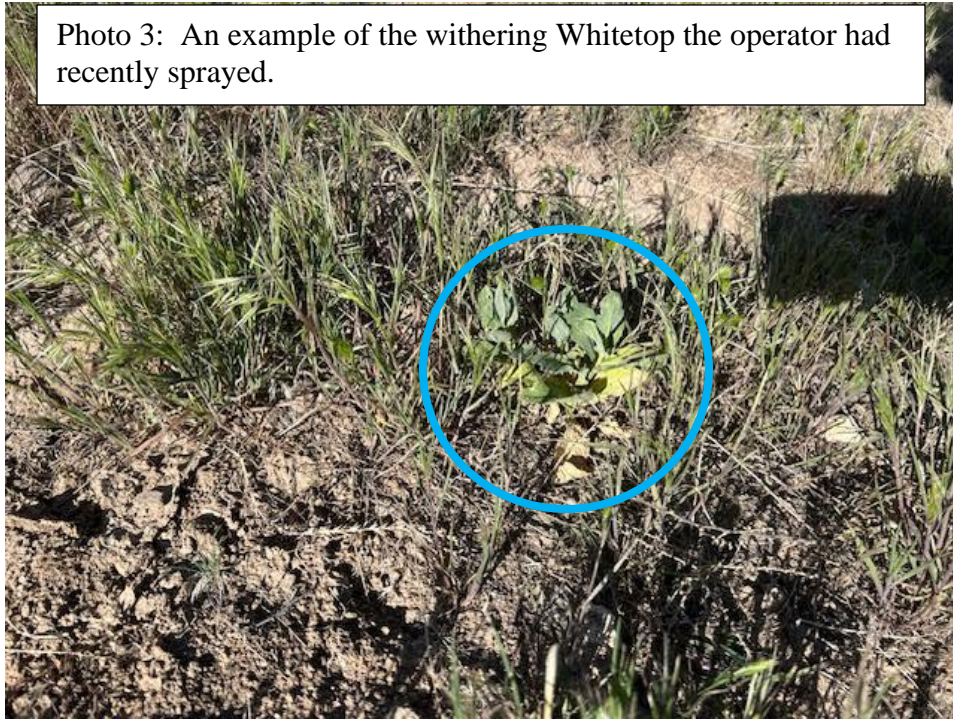
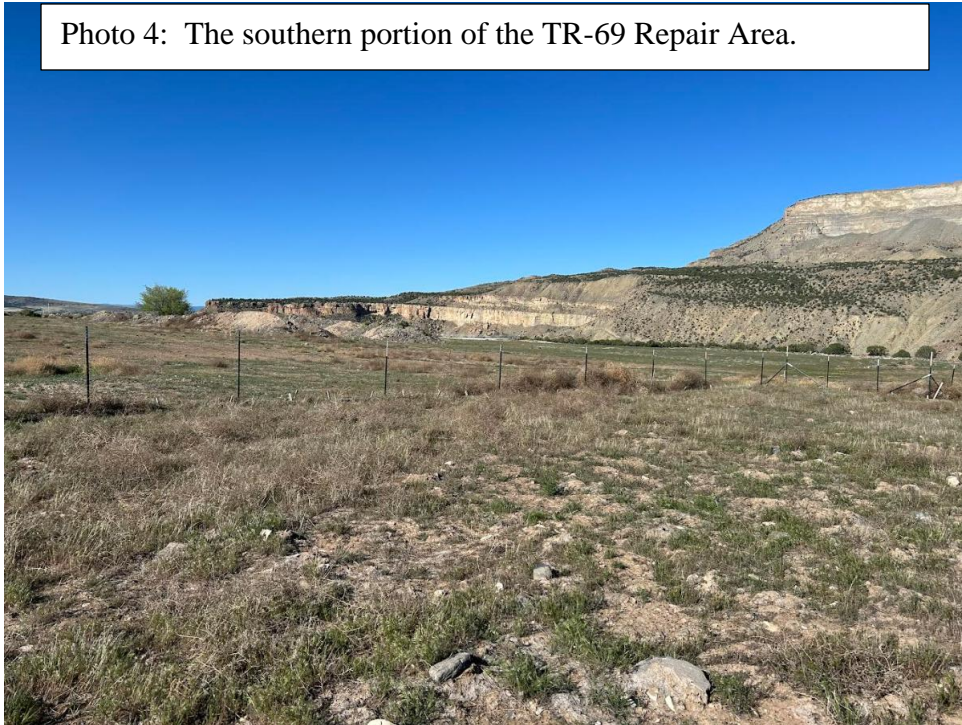


Photo 4: The southern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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



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



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