



PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-037 Mine Name: GEC Strip Mine Operator: GEC Minerals, Inc. Operator Address: Dr W Corley 2605 Constellation Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80906	County: Fremont Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Revoked Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: None
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: May 1, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 10:30 Inspection End Date: May 1, 2025 Inspection End Time: 10:45		Inspection Type: Coal Complete 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): Hunter Ridley	Inspector's Signature: <i>Hunter Ridley</i>		Signature Date: May 6, 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
 N - Fish & Wildlife
 N - 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 was a complete inspection of the GEC Mine conducted by Hunter Ridley of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) on May 1, 2025. The landowner, Dr. Corley, did not attend the inspection. The Division did not enter onto the landowners property. The GEC Mine was a surface mine for which the Division has revoked the bond and terminated the permit. Therefore, no mine operator remains. All bond monies available to the Division were utilized by the Division for reclamation activities and no reclamation bond money remains to conduct maintenance activities. The weather was cloudy and ground conditions were mostly dry. Light showers had fallen earlier that day. Temperatures during the inspection were around fifty-seven degrees fahrenheit.

As a result of a meeting which occurred on November 13, 2018 between the Corley Company and the Division, only portions of the site which are able to be viewed from the gated county road were inspected (Photo 1), this area is adjacent to the Southfield Mine permit boundary. For more information on the 2018 meeting, please refer to previous inspection reports conducted by the Division.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

Reclamation across the observable area has had mixed success. The East Pit Area and Chen's Hill area were observed for revegetation. Most of the landscape in this area is well established with vegetation along areas of lesser slope. A few larger erosional features have developed over the years following major precipitation events. Several gullies can be observed along the northern slopes of the East Pit Area as well as the Chen's Hill. Major erosion is noted along drainage intersection between Chen's Hill and the old county road that runs through the site. Over the years, Pond A has completely filled in with sediment and drainage along that area naturally has been directed around the pond back into the native drainage.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Photo 1: View from behind the locked gate at the old county road entrance, Chen's Hill is located to the west and the filled in Pond A is located to the south.

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