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## Roadside Portals Mine, C-1981-041, May Partial Inspection Report

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Wed, Jun 4, 2025 at 2:46 PM

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

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

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached with this email is the Division's Inspection Report for the partial inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on May 22, 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**

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

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> May 22, 2025 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 13:30 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> May 22, 2025 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 14:00		<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>  None	
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None		<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>  None	
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Clayton Wein	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Clayton Wein</i>		
			<b>Signature Date:</b> 6/4/2025

**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

N - 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 Mine, Permit No. C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on May 22, 2025, by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company (SCC) was represented at the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was clear with a temperature of 83 °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 middle field was being irrigated. There was no runoff from the field observed affecting the remaining reclamation at the mine site. The landowner's trenches located on the north and eastern portions of Tract 71, adjacent to the TR-69 Repair Area, were dry. There was no indication of recent water application in the trenches. No impacts to the TR-69 Repair Area were identified. A pit located to the southwest of the TR-69 Repair Area and adjacent to the permit boundary is referred to as the Carey Pit. The pit was observed from the permit boundary to be dry (Photo 1). A trench connects the landowner's buried pipeline to the mouth of the pit. The trench appeared to have been recently cleaned (Photo 2) and some evidence of flow in the dirt of the trench was seen.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:**

The remaining reclamation permitted at the mine site is located within the northern portion of Tract 71 and is referred to as the TR-69 Repair Area. The reclamation for the 0.4 acres was initially completed in 2019 and the site was re-seeded in the fall of 2023 following activities by the landowner that disturbed the reclamation. The TR-69 Repair area was stable with vegetative cover. Vegetation was green but beginning to dry out due to the recent warming temperatures (Photos 3 through 5). There were no indications of differential settling. The straw waddles located on the down-gradient boundary of the reclamation were in good repair (Photo 6). There were no

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indications of off-site impacts. The 0.4 acres is delineated by a fence marking the reclamation's boundary. The fence was stable. A mine identification sign was posted on the southeast corner of the fence. The sign was legible and easy to spot. Information displayed on the sign contained the permittee's name, the permittee's address and the CDRMS permit number.

**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 Carey Pit.



Photo 2: The trench connecting the Carey Pit to the landowner's buried pipeline.



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Photo 3: The western portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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



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



Photo 6. The connection of the southern and western straw waddles at the TR-69 Repair Area disturbed area boundary.



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