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## Roadside Mine, C-1981-041, June Complete Inspection Report

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

Wed, Jul 2, 2025 at 2:18 PM

Good afternoon Tonya,

Attached is a copy of the Division's inspection report for the complete inspection of the Roadside Mine conducted on June 25, 2025. Please note the comment in bold text within the report. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
**Clayton Wein**  
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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> June 25, 2025 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 13:30 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> June 25, 2025 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 14:25		<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Complete 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> 7/2/2025		

**Inspection Topic Summary**

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

N - Air Resource Protection

R - 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 observations taken by the Division during a complete inspection of the Roadside Mine, Permit No. C-1981-041. The inspection was conducted on June 25, 2025, by Clayton Wein of the Division. Snowcap Coal Company was represented at the inspection by Tonya Hammond. The weather was clear with a temperature of 93°F. The ground conditions were dry during the inspection.

**AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1):**

The Records for the Roadside Mine are accessed via computer at the Mesa County Recorder's Office in Grand Junction Colorado. The records were up to date. Please see the Availability of Records Form attached to the end of this report for more details.

**Please note that the current Certificate of Liability Insurance was set to Expire on July 1, 2025. Please provide the Division with the new certificate as soon as it becomes available.**

**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 at the northern most section (Photo 1). The remaining reclamation at the mine site is located to the west of the landowner's middle field on the other side of a drainage. There was no impact to the reclamation from the irrigation runoff.

The landowner has a trench located adjacent to the north and northeast (Photo 2) of the TR-69 Repair Area. During the inspection there was no water flowing in the trench. There was no indication of impacts to the TR-69 Repair Area.

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The landowner has several trenches located on top of what is commonly referred to as the Tract 70 Mesa. The Tract 70 mesa is located to the north of the Landowner's middle field and lies within the northern portion of the permit area. During the inspection there was no flow out of the riser pipes into the trenches (Photo 3).

The Carey Pit is located to the southwest of the TR-69 Repair Area and Adjacent west of the southwest corner of the permit area. The pit was observed to be dry from the permit boundary (Photo 4). The trench leading into the pit from the landowner's buried pipeline had appeared to have been recently cleaned (Photo 5).

The N-1 Well casing was visited during the inspection. The casing appeared to be in good condition. The lock placed on the cover to the casing was also in good condition (Photo 6). The operator's representative measured the depth to the water in the N-1 Well on June 10, 2025. The measurement was 75.39 feet.

Discharge Point 016 is located within the northeastern part of the permit area. Discharge was occurring at a rate of 112.9 gallons per minute according to the gauge on the outlet (Photo 7). This value is within the historical seasonal values for this location. The outlet was observed to be stable and unobstructed.

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

The remaining permitted disturbance at the mine site is located within the western portion of the permit area, referred to as the TR-69 Repair Area. The reclamation parcel is approximately 0.4 acres in size. The parcel was stable with no erosional features (Photos 8, 9 and 10). The site was covered with vegetation, most of which was beginning to dry out for the summer season. There were no indications of differential settling observed. The sediment logs place on the western and southern boundaries of the TR-69 Repair Area were in good condition. There were no off-site impacts observed. The Disturbance boundary was marked by a fence. The fence was stable and in good repair.

#### SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Mine Identification signs were observed to be posted at the entrance to the permit boundary. The signs were located in easy to identify locations. The signs were legible and posted information about the permittee, the permit number and contact information (Photo 11).

An additional mine identification sign was observed to be posted on the southeast corner of the TR-69 Repair Area Fence. The sign was easy to spot and contained information about the permittee, the permit number and contact information.

**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 northern portion of the landowner's middle field.

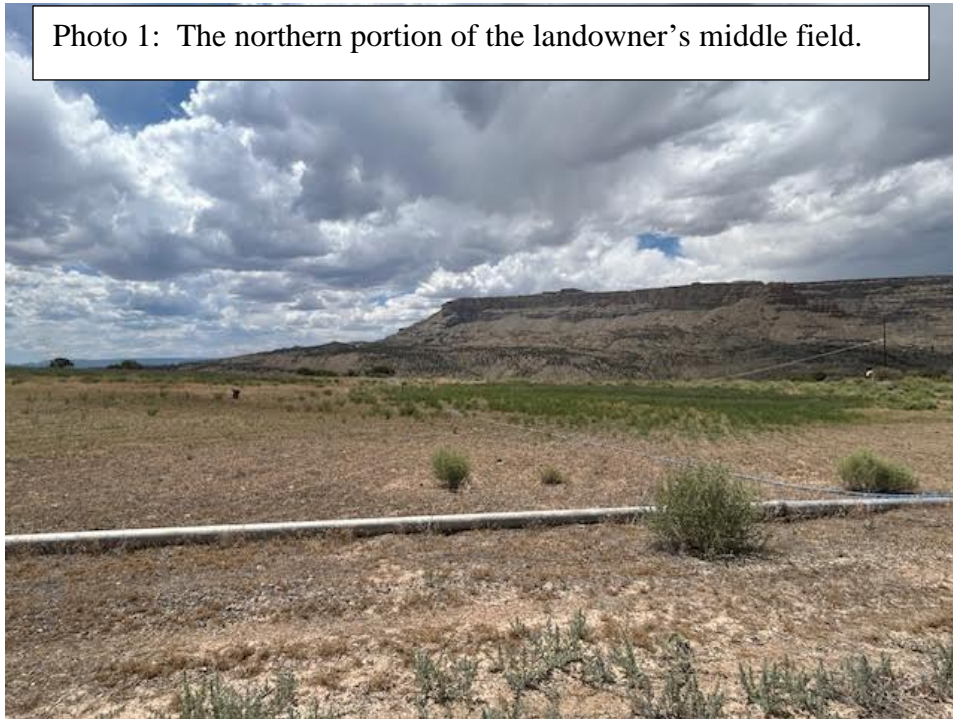
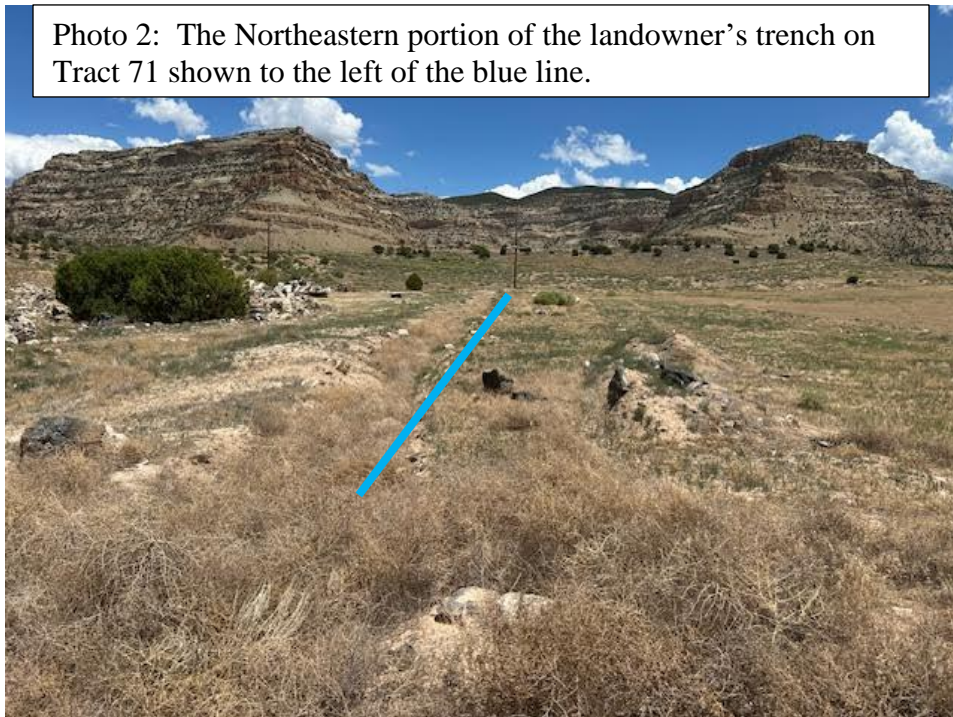


Photo 2: The Northeastern portion of the landowner's trench on Tract 71 shown to the left of the blue line.



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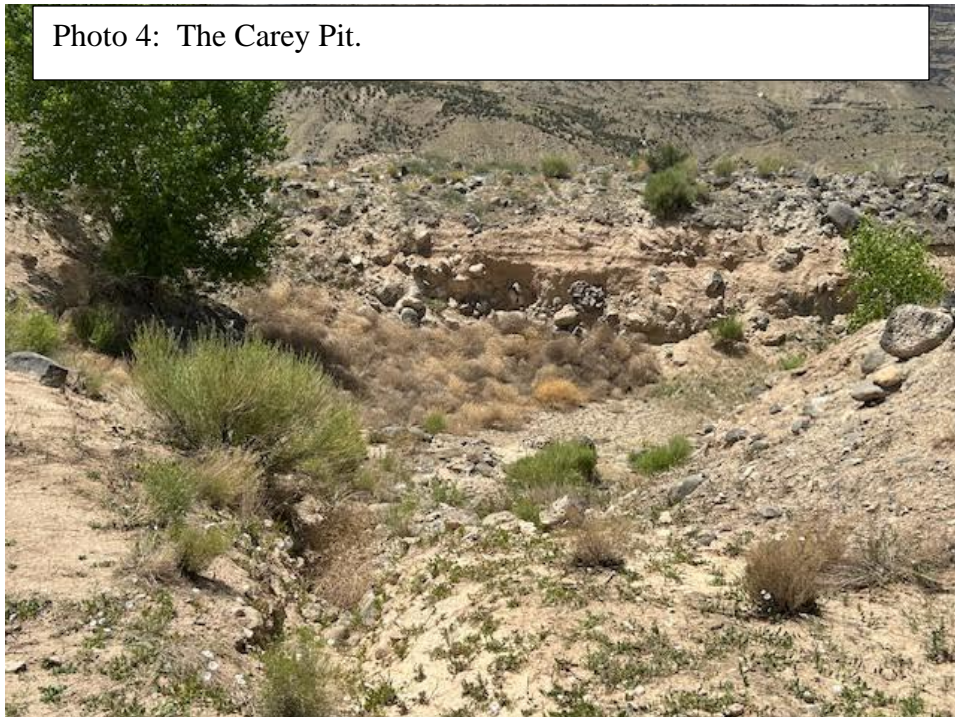
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Photo 3: One of the landowner's riser pipes on the Tract 70 Mesa.



Photo 4: The Carey Pit.



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Photo 5: The inlet to the open trench from the landowner's buried pipeline that connects to the Carey Pit.



Photo 6: The N-1 Well casing.



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Photo 7: The gauge on the 016 discharge outlet.

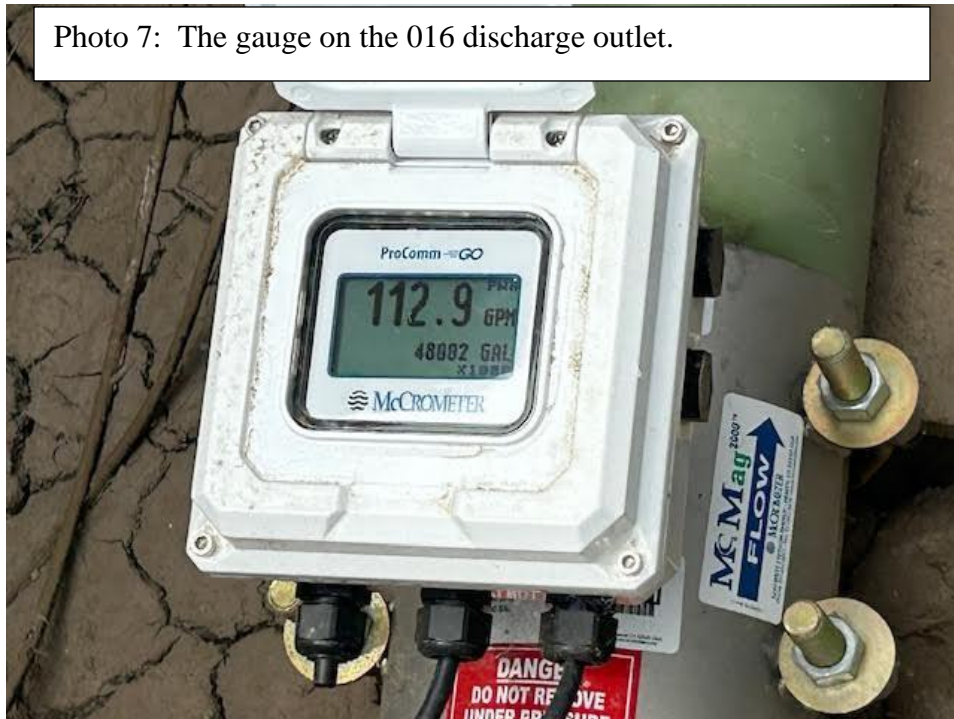


Photo 8: The southwestern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 9: The central portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



Photo 10: The southeastern portion of the TR-69 Repair Area.



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Photo 11: The Mine ID signs posted on the northern entrance to the permit area.



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

DRMS Permit	RN-8
Permit Application w/Revisions	OK
Findings Document	OK
Insurance Certificate	Exp. *7/1/2025
Bond Document	OK
Phased Bond Release	OK SL-11
Documents/Findings	
Air Emission Permits	NA
County Special Use Permits	NA
UG Mining Landowner Notification	OK
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	NA
Subsidence Monitoring Data	PAP
Rill & Gully Survey	OK
Vegetation Monitoring Data	2024 ARR
Specific Variance Approvals	NA
Annual Reclamation Reports	2024
Midterm Review Documents	MT-8
DRMS/OSM Inspection Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)	Up to Date/May. of 2025
Transfers/Succession of Operator	SO-2
Temporary Cessation Notification	NA
Reclamation Cost Estimate	RN-8
<b>CERTIFICATIONS</b>	
Pond Certifications	OK/Released
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	NA
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	NA
• Quarterly Inspections	NA
• Compaction Testing	NA
• Final Certification	2008/2011
Coal Processing Waste Banks	Released
Haul Road Certifications	OK
Access Road Certifications	OK

**HYDROLOGIC RECORDS**

NPDES Permit	COR-0027146
NPDES Records	1 <sup>st</sup> Q 2025
Stormwater Management Plan	OK
SPCC Plan	NA
MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
	NA
State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Quarterly Pond Inspections	NA
Annual Hydrology Reports	2024
• Ground Water Monitoring	AHR
• Surface Water Monitoring	AHR
• Spring & Seep Monitoring	NA
• Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	AHR
• Mine Inflow Study	AHR
• Water Consumption Records	NA
Well Permits	All Reclaimed

**BLASTING RECORDS**

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

**ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)**


COMMENTS: \* Please note the current Certificate of Liability Insurance Expired on July 1, 2025.

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