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Inspection report

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Hi, Ben -

Here is the report from my inspection on Friday. No issues to report.

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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: July 25, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 07:20 Inspection End Date: July 25, 2025 Inspection End Time: 08:20		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
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: 7/29/2025

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

Y - 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 July 25, 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, CEC reclaimed some areas again (harrowing and seeding) in the spring of 2022 and fall of 2023.

The weather was clear and warm. The ground was moist from recent rain.

References to areas in this report are based on the map from SL-11 (Bond Release No. 11).

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Several birds were seen and heard at the Dugout Pond and Sediment Pond 2.

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; both ponds have large amounts of vegetation on their bottoms. Neither was discharging during the inspection, and there were no signs that the ponds had discharged recently. No problems were observed.

The ditch along the northern border of the site, which drains to Sediment Pond 2, was functioning.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 1

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

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.

Across the site, vegetation cover was generally good.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15**Vegetative Cover; Timing:**

A large amount of cheatgrass was seen in many areas of the site, including the embankment at Sediment Pond 2 and the northern boundary of the site. Other than cheatgrass, no noxious weeds were identified.

Indian ricegrass was prevalent in some areas, especially the reclaimed road south of Area 25.

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



Spillway for Sediment Pond 2



Northern boundary, looking northwest

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Middle of Area 37, with good vegetation cover



Indian ricegrass at reclaimed road south of Area 25

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