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Inspection last week

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To: "Moline, Ben" ben.moline@molsoncoors.com

Mon, Sep 8, 2025 at 10:26 AM

Hi, Ben -

I hope there were no ramifications from the gate problem. Good luck getting that fixed.

Here is my report. Please try to keep the records current.

Thanks, Rob

Rob Zuber, P.E. Environmental Protection Specialist Active Mines Program

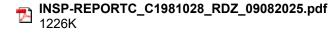


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PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-028 Mine Name: Keenesburg Strip Mine Operator: Coors Energy Company Operator Address: Mr. Ben Moline	County: Weld Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private			
P.O. Box 4030	Operator Representative Present:			
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Golden, CO 80402				
	None			
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)				

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: September Inspection End Date: September Inspection End Time: 09:45			Inspection Type: Coal Comp Inspection Reason: Normal I Weather: Cloudy	-
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature Date: Plut D. Zh.		Signature Date:	
Robert Zuber, P.E.				
				9/8/2025

Inspection Topic Summary

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

Y - Air Resource Protection NA - Roads

NA - Backfill & Grading

R - Revegetation

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste
NA - Explosives

NA - Subsidence
Y - Slides and Other Damage

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Y - Fish & Wildlife NA - Support Facilities On-site
R - Hydrologic Balance R - Signs and Markers

R - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
 N - Other
 NA - Support Facilities Not On-site
 NA - Special Categories Of Mining

NA - Processing Waste NA - Topsoil

COMMENTS

A complete inspection was conducted by Rob Zuber of DRMS on September 5, 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. Coors Energy mowed some areas during the summer of 2025 for weed management. These include Area 25 and Area 42, west of Area 26. (These areas correspond to areas on the map from SL-11.)

The weather was cloudy and cool (for early September). The ground was dry.

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS – Rule 5.02.4(1):

The records lacked some recent reports. In particular, the Division inspector could not locate recent pond inspections reports or recent vegetation reports (pests/disease/weeds). Also, the 2024 ARR/AHR was not found in the RIGID box. Coors Energy Company needs to update the records in the third quarter of 2025.

Please see the list of records below.

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.

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. All of the permit area was observed from a vehicle.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15

Vegetative Cover; Timing:

Across the site, vegetation cover was generally very good

Other than cheat grass, no listed noxious weeds were identified. However, in some areas, non-desirable species such as Russian thistle (aka, tumbleweed) were prevalent.

SIGNS AND MARKERS - Rule 4.02:

The entrance sign was in place and contained the necessary information. Boundary markers were observed on all sides of the site.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED - none

OTHER (SPECIFY) - none

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

PHOTOGRAPHS



Area below Sediment Pond 2



Northern boundary, looking east



Russian thistle in Area 42 (west of Area 26)



Area 37



Reclaimed Long Term Spoil Area, looking east



Area 38

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

PERMIT RECORDS DRMS Permit Permit Application w/Revisions Findings Document Insurance Certificate Bond Document Phased Bond Release Documents/Findings Air Emission Permits	Exp. 11/3/2026 yes RN-08 (April 2022) Exp. 11/1/2025 \$687,020 SL-12 (9/16/2024) 123008803	HYDROLOGIC RECORDS NPDES Permit NPDES Records Stormwater Management Plan SPCC Plan MSHA Pond Inspections State Engineer's Pond Inspection Quarterly Pond Inspections	NA NA NA Updated 2012 NA NA Through March
County Special Use Permits UG Mining Landowner Notification Subsidence Monitoring Reports Subsidence Monitoring Data Rill & Gully Survey Vegetation Monitoring Data Specific Variance Approvals Annual Reclamation Reports Midterm Review Documents	Weld #1160, #386 NA NA NA NA NA 2023 ARR NA 2023 MT-08 (4/25/2024)	Annual Hydrology Reports Ground Water Monitoring Surface Water Monitoring Spring & Seep Monitoring Mine Water Discharge Monitoring Mine Inflow Study Water Consumption Records Well Permits	2025 2023 yes NA NA NA NA NA NA
DRMS/OSM Inspection Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Yrs) Transfers/Succession of Operator Temporary Cessation Notification Reclamation Cost Estimate CERTIFICATIONS	Through June 2025 NA NA *1	BLASTING RECORDS Blasting Publication Blasting Records (3 years) ATFE Explosives Permit Blasting Variances	NA NA NA *3 NA
Pond Certifications Annual Certifications for Large Impoundments Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or	Yes NA NA	Pre-Blast Surveys ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)	NA
 Underground Development Waste Quarterly Inspections Compaction Testing Final Certification Coal Processing Waste Banks Haul Road Certifications Access Road Certifications 	NA NA NA NA NA	Pest and Weed report	3Q 2024
COMMENTS: *1 RCE is \$687,020 (SL-12) *2 Domestic use well and fire protection *3 No explosives used since 1995.	n well (048289f, 24650f)		