




PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1994-082 Mine Name: Yoast Mine Operator: Seneca Property LLC Operator Address: Mrs. Miranda Kawcak 29515 Routt County Road No. 27 Oak Creek, CO 80467	County: Routt Operation Type: Surface Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Private
	Operator Representative Present: Mike Howard
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only) 	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: September 24, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 14:30 Inspection End Date: September 24, 2025 Inspection End Time: 16:00		Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency: None		Joint Inspection Contacts: NA	
Post Inspection Agency: None		Post Inspection Contacts: NA	
Inspector(s): Nikie Gagnon Jared Ebert	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: 10/8/2025

Inspection Topic Summary

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

NA - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

NA - Backfill & Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

Y - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

NA - Other

NA - Processing Waste

Y - Roads

Y - Reclamation Success

R - Revegetation

NA - Subsidence

R - 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

This was a partial inspection conducted by Nikie Gagnon and Jared Ebert of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety. Mike Howard representing Seneca Property, LLC accompanied the Division during the inspection. The weather was clear and sunny. The site was dry at the time of the inspection. No hydrologic or air quality issues were observed at the time of inspection.

Maintenance items are shown in bold text.

PERMITTING ACTIONS in PROGRESS:

SL 9 - Phase III Bond Release under review.

GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

Reclamation is complete at this site and the operator submitted a Phase III bond release for the remaining 162.7 acres in the permit area which includes the hillside above Pond 12 and ponds 12, 13, and 14.

During this partial inspection, the Division viewed the following items:

ROADS Rule 4.03 Construction 4.03.1(3), 4.03.2(3); Drainage 4.03.1(4), 4.03.2(4); Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6); 4.03.2(5) and; Reclamation 4.03.1(7) I 4.03.2(7).

- Access roads to ponds were maintained and all areas were accessible.

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; Drainage- Acid and Toxic Materials 4.05.8; Impoundments 4.05.6,4.05.9; Stream Buffer Zones 4.05.18.

- Pond 12 was holding water and discharging a small stream of clear water through the flume below the embankment (Photos 1-2). The embankment is stable and well vegetated with grasses. Cattails were observed around the perimeter and in the center of the pond. The emergency spillway was stable, dry and vegetated with a few bunchgrasses.

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- Pond 13 was holding water and not discharging from the culvert at the time of inspection (Photo 3). The water in the pond was clear. The spillway was dry and vegetated with grasses (Photo 4). A few houndstongue plants were noted in the spillway and the embankment.
- Pond 14 was holding water and not discharging at the time of inspection (Photo 5). The water in the pond was clear. The operator recently repaired the cracks across the top and down the embankment. The area has been regraded and seeded (Photo 6).
- Pond 10 was holding water and not discharging out of the culvert below the dam at the time of inspection (Photo 8). The water in the pond was clear. Cattails were observed around the perimeter of the pond. The embankment was stable and the sideslopes and shorelines are vegetated with grasses. Bare ground was noted along the top of the embankment which is utilized by maintenance vehicles.
- Pond 11 was holding a few inches of water in the bottom at the time of inspection (Photo 9). Some thistle and houndstongue was observed in the emergency spillway (Photo 10). A couple of animal burrows were noted in the embankment. The operator should monitor these and fill as necessary.

SLIDES and OTHER DAMAGE- Rule 4.12

- The slope above Pond 12 appeared stable at the time of inspection (Photo 1). No rills or evidence of movement was noted.

REVEGETATION - Rule 4.15 General Requirements 4.15.1; Use of Species 4.15.2, Grazing 4.15.5

- The area remaining in the permit boundary is well vegetated and stable. **A few houndstongue plants were observed on the tops of embankments and within the spillways, specifically at Pond 11 and Pond 13. The operator should apply the appropriate weed control in these areas.**

FISH and WILDLIFE- RULE 4.18

- Waterfowl was observed in Pond 10 during the inspection (Photo 8).

INSPECTIONS 5.02; Availability of Records

- Records were not inspected as this was a partial inspection.

DOCUMENTS RECEIVED

None.

OTHER (SPECIFY)

NA

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

None.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Looking east across Pond 12. Steep slope above the north side of the pond appeared stable (red arrow).



Photo 2: Water discharging out of flume below Pond 12.

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Photo 3: Looking northeast across Pond 13.



Photo 4: Vegetated embankment on Pond 13. A few houndstongue plants were observed in this area.

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Photo 5: Looking east across Pond 14.



Photo 6: Top of the embankment on Pond 14. Cracks in the embankment were recently repaired across and down the slope here.

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Photo 7: Spillway below Pond 14. No discharge at the time of inspection. Culvert noted by red arrow.



Photo 8: Looking west across Pond 10.

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Photo 9: Looking north at Pond 11.



Photo 10: Houndstongue and thistle weeds noted in the spillway of Pond 11.

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