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Keenesburg inspection report

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Hello, Ben -

Attached is the report from my Friday inspection of the Keenesburg Strip Mine.

If we do not talk soon, have a good Thanksgiving.

Rob

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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: November 21, 2025 Inspection Start Time: 13:00 Inspection End Date: November 21, 2025 Inspection End Time: 14:00	Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Cloudy
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: 11/24/2025

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
N - 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
R - 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 November 21, 2025. The weather was cloudy and cool (approximately 48 deg F). The ground was dry except for the banks of ponds.

No Coors Energy Company (CEC) representative was present at the inspection. Based on correspondence with CEC before the inspection, they plan to interseed a portion of Area 25 (approximately one-third of it) and a small portion of Area 36 in December 2025. As noted in past Division reports, many areas, including Area 25, were mowed in 2025.

References to areas in this report are based on the map from SL-11 (Bond Release No. 11). The eastern two-thirds of the area within the permit boundary were observed (approximately).

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Many birds were seen around the site, including an owl flying near the trees west of 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 north boundary, which directs runoff to Sediment Pond 2, appears to be functioning well.

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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.

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

Across the site, vegetation cover was generally very good in areas that have not been mowed. Particular areas that were observed include Area 33, Area 36, and Area 38.

Other than cheat grass, no State-listed noxious weeds were identified. Many Russian thistle plants, a nuisance species, were seen along the north boundary and near Sediment Pond 2.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

The entrance sign was in place and contained the necessary information. Boundary markers were observed in many locations.

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



West side of Area 25 with many Russian thistle plants and recently mowed



Good grass cover on the east side of Area 33

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Good grass cover in middle of Area 36



Area 37, recently mowed

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North boundary with good cover but many Russian thistle plants (looking southeast)



Area below Sediment Pond 2

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Area 38 with good cover (looking west from fence)



Area 34, mowed (looking west from fence)

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