

# COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY COAL PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT



# **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1982-056	County: Routt			
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Mine Name: Foidel Creek Mine	Operation Type: Underground			
<b>Operator:</b> Twentymile Coal, LLC	Permit Status: Active			
Operator Address:	Ownership: Federal			
Mr Jerry Nettleton	_			
29515 Routt County Road No. 27	Operator Representative Present:			
Oak Creek, CO 80467				
	Brian Watterson			
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)				
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INSPECTION INFORMATION				

Inspection Start Date: October 1, Inspection Start Time: 13:00 Inspection End Date: October 2, 2 Inspection End Time: 14:20			Inspection Type: Coal Com Inspection Reason: Normal Weather: Clear	
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint	<b>Inspection Contacts:</b>	
None				
Post Inspection Agency:		Post Inspection Contacts:		
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature:		Signature Date:	
Jason D. Musick	Jason Marsil			
				10/9/2012

# **Inspection Topic Summary**

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

**Y** - Air Resource Protection

**R** - Availability of Records

NA - Backfill & Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

N - Explosives

Y - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

**R** - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

R - Other

R - Processing Waste

R - Roads

**R** - Reclamation Success

Y - Revegetation

Y - Subsidence

NA - Slides and Other Damage

**R** - Support Facilities On-site

**R** - Signs and Markers

NA - Support Facilities Not On-site

NA - Special Categories Of Mining

Y - Topsoil

# **COMMENTS**

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

All records were located at the TCC office and up to date. See attached DRMS Availability of Records.

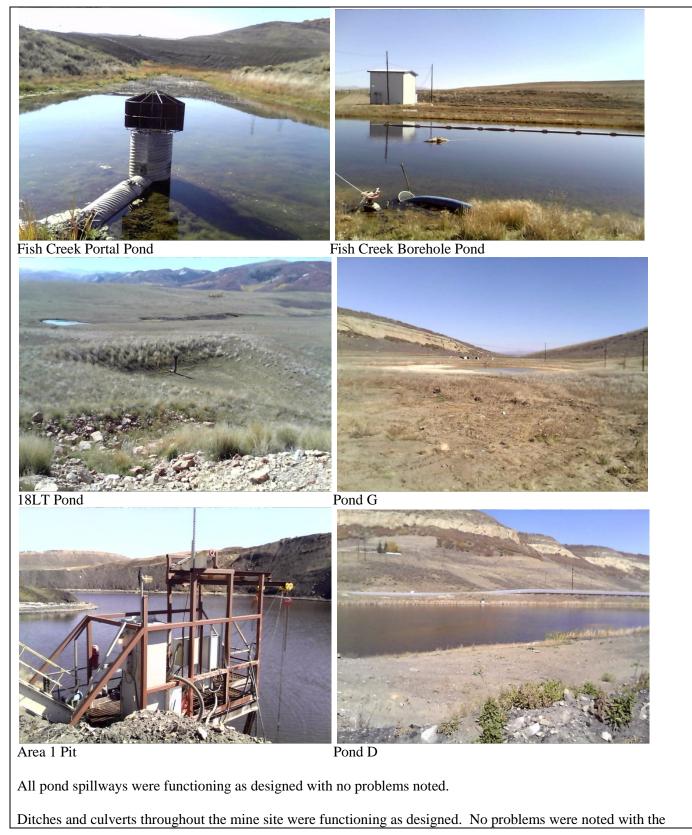
#### HYDROLOGIC BALANCE - Rule 4.05

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: Ponds B, C, D, E, F, G, 6NM, 18LT, 6NM sediment pond, the Fish Creek borehole ponds, the Fish Creek Tipple pond and the Pit Pond were observed during the inspection. Discharge was noted at Pond D and the Fish Creek Tipple pond. However, neither discharge was at the level of the v-notch weir. All other ponds were not discharging. All pond embankments were well vegetated and stable with no problems noted.





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# exception of the following:

- The sump located northwest of Pond B has been cleaned of sediment with no problems noted.



Pond B Sump

- The sump located southeast of Pond B has been cleaned of sediment with no problems noted.
- The 18LT roadside ditch and culvert #1 will need to be maintained and cleared of sediment.

Brian Watterson indicated that water level at the Fish Creek Borehole was at ~36ft of freeboard and ~33ft of freeboard at the 10RT borehole.

#### GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLANCE:

The longwall is currently in the process of a move from the 15LT panel to the 14LT out-by panel. Reclamation work has been completed at the Fish Creek Tipple Site. No coal trains were loading at the time of the inspection.

Conveyor stability work and waste station construction was ongoing as permitted.

#### OTHER (SPECIFY):

This was a complete coal inspection of the Foidel Creek Mine conducted by Jason Musick of CDRMS. Brian Watterson of TCC accompanied the inspection. The weather was clear and dry during the inspection.

#### PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES – Rule 4.10 and 4.11

Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

Refuse material continues to be placed in the RDA expansion area. Material was in the process of stockpiling at the time of the inspection. The RDA was well compacted and stable at the time of the inspection. The refuse material had not yet reached the head of the under-drain of the RDA. The first lift of the RDA Expansion has been completed. The exposed under-drain was stable and constructed as designed. Phase 1 of the RDA expansion is nearing completion. TR67 was approved with a stipulation that future bonding for each phase of construction will be required prior to the initiation of the next Phase. No problems were noted at the RDA, with the exception of the following:

- All erosional gullies were addressed and no additional erosion features were observed during the inspection.

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ROADS – Rule 4.03 Construction 4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3) Drainage 4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4) Surfacing and Maintenance4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and (6) Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

Roads throughout the mine site were dry and stable at the time of the inspection. All roads were in condition with no problems noted, with the exception of the following:

- Roadside ditches along the west side of the 16 LT road towards the beginning of the road will need to be reestablished to clear sediment build-up along the length of the access road.

All roads were stable and roadside ditches and culverts inspected were in good condition with the exception of the following:

- The culverts along the reclaimed 18RT shaft access road will need to be addressed and cleared of material at the inlets.

## RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:

The reclaimed Fish Creek Tipple area, 18RT vent shaft area, and the bleeder shaft are stable with no problems noted.

## SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:

Support facilities on site were stable with no problems noted, with the exception of the following:

- The area around the rock dust tank at the 6MN area has been cleeand of excess rock dust.
- The area around the rock dust tank off of CR 27 will require clean-up of rock dust. This area displayed fugative rock dust throughout the pad and into the topsoil storage pille.

## SIGNS AND MARKERS - Rule 4.02:

All mine identification signs, topsoil markers, stream buffer signs, and disturbed area markers observed were in the correct location and displayed the required information. No problems were noted with the exception of the following:

- Disturbance area markers will need to be installed along the approved disturbance along the RDA haul Road
- The Topsoil identification marker on the topsoil storage pile along the Fish Creek Borehole access road was not bolted to the T-Post

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# ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions are pending and none were taken as a result of this inspection,

# **AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

PERMIT RECORDS		HYDROLOGIC RECORDS	
DRMS Permit	Exp 5/23/2013	NPDES Permit	Note 1
Permit Application w/Revisions	OK	NPDES Records	2Q 2012
Findings Document	RN5	Stormwater Management Plan	2012
Insurance Certificate	Exp 11/11/12	SPCC Plan	2011
Bond Document	SB-008 \$10,056,089	MSHA Pond Inspections	9/2012
Phased Bond Release	NA		NA
Documents/Findings		State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Air Emission Permits	93RO1204	Quarterly Pond Inspections	2Q 2012
County Special Use Permits	Exp 8/24/14	Annual Hydrology Reports	2011
UG Mining Landowner Notification	11/09/07	<ul> <li>Ground Water Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	1st Half 2007	<ul> <li>Surface Water Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Subsidence Monitoring Data	OK	<ul> <li>Spring &amp; Seep Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Rill & Gully Survey	NA	<ul> <li>Mine Water Discharge Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Vegetation Monitoring Data	NA	Mine Inflow Study	AHR
Specific Variance Approvals	NA	Water Consumption Records	AHR
Annual Reclamation Reports	2011	Well Permits	OK
Midterm Review Documents	2010		
DRMS/OSM Inspection	Through 8/12		
Reports/Enforcement Actions (3 Years)		BLASTING RECORDS	
Transfers/Succession of Operator	NA	Blasting Publication	NA
Temporary Cessation Notification	NA	Blasting Records (3 years)	NA
Reclamation Cost Estimate	2010 Midterm	ATFE Explosives Permit	Exp 8/1/2013
CERTIFICATIONS		Blasting Variances	NA
Pond Certifications	PAP	Pre-Blast Surveys	NA
Annual Certifications for Large Impoundments	OK		
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	2Q 2012	ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)	
Quarterly Inspections	2Q 2012		
Compaction Testing	2Q 2012		
Final Certification	NA		
Coal Processing Waste Banks	2Q 2012	_	
Haul Road Certifications	PAP ex 25		
Access Road Certifications	PAP ex 25		
	)/2013, COG85004 exp 6	5/30/2013, COG0042161 exp 6/30/201	

COMMENTS: 1 – COG85000 exp 6/30/2013, COG85004 exp 6/30/2013, COG0042161 exp 6/30/2012, CO0027154 exp 8/31/2012, CO0036684 exp 4/30/2012 All expired permits are in the process of renewal with CDPHE

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