

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



#### **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1992-081	County: Routt			
Mine Name: Hayden Gulch Loadout	Operation Type: Loadout			
Operator: Hayden Gulch Terminal, LLC	Permit Status: Permanent Cessation			
Operator Address:	Ownership: Private			
Mr. Roy Karo				
37796 Routt County Road 53	<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>			
P.O. Box 670				
Hayden, CO 81639	Roy Karo			
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)				

## **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Inspection Start Date: October 1, Inspection Start Time: 14:50 Inspection End Date: October 1, 2 Inspection End Time: 17:00			Inspection Type: Coal Complete Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear		
Joint Inspection Agency:		Joint	Joint Inspection Contacts:		
None					
Post Inspection Agency:		Post	Post Inspection Contacts:		
None					
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature Date:				
Jared L. Ebert	Janel Court				
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#### **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

Y - 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

R - Roads

**R** - Reclamation Success

R - Revegetation

NA - Subsidence

Y - Slides and Other DamageR - Support Facilities On-site

**R** - Signs and Markers

NA - Support Facilities Not On-site NA - Special Categories Of Mining

**R** - Topsoil

#### **COMMENTS**

This was a complete inspection of the Hayden Gulch Loadout; C-1992-081. I, Jared Ebert of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety conducted the inspection. Mr. Roy Karo with Hayden Gulch Terminal was aware of the inspection but did not accompany me into the field. The weather was clear and sunny.

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

A records check was conducted at the beginning of the inspection; see the end of the report for details. The insurance certificate will expire on November 1, 2012 and will need to be renewed.

BACKFILL and GRADING – Rule 4.14; Contemporaneous Reclamation 4.14.1; Approximate Original Contour 4.14.2; Highwall Elimination 4.14.1(2)(f); Steep Slopes 4.14.2, 4.27; Handling of Acid and Toxic Materials 4.14.3; Stabilization of Rills and Gullies 4.14.6:

The backfilled and graded area appeared stable.

#### 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:

The truck loop pond was holding a small amount of water but was not discharging. The slopes were stable and well vegetated. The spillway was clear and functional.

Sediment control ditched 3A and 3 were stable. Russian thistle has established inside both ditches and will need to be removed.

The rail loop pond was dry and not discharging. The spillway appeared stable and functional.

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 2 Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2 Culverts RRC-20, RRC-21, RRC-16, RRC-17A,B and C were observed. These culverts were clear and functional.

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 (6); Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

The Tie Across Haul Road was observed. This road is well maintained, no problems were noted.

**RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 4.15, Rule 3:** 

The SL1 reclaimed area appeared stable. The primary vegetation established throughout this area was annual weeds and the cover crop vegetation. Minor rills and gullies were observed throughout the area. It appears very little of the desired vegetation established during this year's growing season.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15; Vegetative Cover; Timing:

A tamarisk tree was observed on the south side of the rail line on the southwest portion of the loop inside the steep embankment. This is a state listed noxious weed and will need to be treated.

SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:

The facilities area was observed, no problems were noted.

SIGNS AND MARKERS - Rule 4.02:

New mine entrance signs have been installed to comply with Rule 4.02.2. These signs have been placed at each public road that enters the permit area.

TOPSOIL – Rule 4.06; Removal 4.06.2; Substitute Materials 4.06.4(4); Storage and Protection 4.06.3; Redistribution 4.06.4:

Topsoil stockpile #2 has been graded to a gentle slope. Very little vegetation has established on this pile during the growing season. The Operator will need to monitor this pile to insure adequate measures are taken to protect the remaining topsoil in this stockpile from wind and water erosion.

Topsoil stockpile #3 is delineated with metal posts; however the labeled signs have been knocked off the metal posts and will need to be replaced. This pile has been graded to blend into the surrounding topography. Several badgers holes were observed in the topsoil stockpile area. Likely the offending badger was observed in the pile area.

Topsoil stockpiles A, C, D, E, F, and G were observed along the Tie Across Haul Road. These piles were marked with "Topsoil" signs and were stable and vegetated.

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## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Mine entrance sign



Topsoil Stockpile 2



Truck Loop Pond



Topsoil Stockpile 3



Rail Loop Pond



Tamarisk tree

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## **AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

PERMIT RECORDS		HYDROLOGIC RECORDS	
DRMS Permit	Exp 05/22/2013	NPDES Permit	COG-850008; exp. 30 June 2013
Permit Application w/Revisions	OK	NPDES Records	2Q 2012
Findings Document	PR1	Stormwater Management Plan	1993
Insurance Certificate	Exp 11/01/2012	SPCC Plan	NA
Bond Document	Decrease Rider	MSHA Pond Inspections	NA
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Phased Bond Release	Yes, SL1		NA
Documents/Findings		State Engineer's Pond Inspection	
Air Emission Permits	05RO0020 ex2/2007	Quarterly Pond Inspections	2Q 2012
County Special Use Permits	PP2004-070	Annual Hydrology Reports	2011
UG Mining Landowner Notification	NA	<ul> <li>Ground Water Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Subsidence Monitoring Reports	NA	<ul> <li>Surface Water Monitoring</li> </ul>	AHR
Subsidence Monitoring Data	NA	<ul> <li>Spring &amp; Seep Monitoring</li> </ul>	NA
Rill & Gully Survey	NA	Mine Water Discharge Monitoring	NA
Vegetation Monitoring Data	NA	Mine Inflow Study	NA
Specific Variance Approvals	NA	Water Consumption Records	NA
Annual Reclamation Reports	2011	Well Permits	OK
Midterm Review Documents	MT4		
DRMS/OSM Inspection	12 August 2012		
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	SL1 Estimate	ATFE Explosives Permit	NA
CERTIFICATIONS		Blasting Variances	NA
Pond Certifications	Ok	Pre-Blast Surveys	NA
Annual Certifications for Impoundments	2011	ADDITIONAL DECORDO (	
Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste	NA	ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)	
Quarterly Inspections	NA		
Compaction Testing	NA		_
Final Certification	NA		
Coal Processing Waste Banks	NA		_
Haul Road Certifications	Ex. 12-5A, 12-5b 12-6		
Access Road Certifications	Ex. 12-5C		
COMMENTS:			_

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