

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



# **PERMIT INFORMATION**

Permit Number: C-1996-083 Mine Name: Bowie No. 2 Mine Operator: Bowie Resources, LLC Operator Address: Mr. William A Bear P.O. Box 483 Paonia, CO 81428	County: Delta Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Active Ownership: Federal  Operator Representative Present: Bill Bear
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuan	ce Only)

## **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

Inspection Start Date: February 2 Inspection Start Time: 11:00 Inspection End Date: February 20 Inspection End Time: 13:30			Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Cloudy	
Joint Inspection Agency:	Joint		nt Inspection Contacts:	
None				
Post Inspection Agency: Post		Post	Post Inspection Contacts:	
None				
Inspector(s):	Inspector's Signature: Signature Date:			
Brock F. Bowles	Brah Sauls February 26, 2013			

#### **Inspection Topic Summary**

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

**R** - Air Resource Protection **R** - Roads

N - Availability of Records N - Reclamation Success

N - Backfill & Grading N - Revegetation

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste N - Subsidence

N - Explosives
N - Slides and Other Damage
R - Fish & Wildlife
R - Support Facilities On-site

R - Hydrologic Balance
 N - Signs and Markers
 N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan
 N - Support Facilities N

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 N - Support Facilities Not On-site
 N - Other
 N - Special Categories Of Mining

**R** - Processing Waste N - Topsoil

### **COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection of the Bowie No. 2 Mine conducted by Brock Bowles of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety on February 20, 2013. Bill Bear of Bowie Resources, LLC was present for the inspection. Weather conditions were overcast with no wind and the temperature was cool. There was patchy snow and some muddy spots around the mine site.

#### AIR RESOURCE PROTECTION - Rule 4.17:

At the time of this inspection: there was a large amount of coal in the D-bench stockpile, the lower coal stockpile was at about half capacity, the wash plant was in operation, gob was being trucked to gob pile 2, heavy equipment was handling gob, cover fill material was being moved around the gob pile and a unit train was being loaded. There were no signs of fugitive dust onsite or off.

#### FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Two mule deer were observed on the fan bench above the main facilities area.

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:

Water was directed to Pond C from the upper mine areas. Pond C contained water with some ice and was discharging (photo 1 and 2). The bank appeared to be stable. Pond B contained water and was discharging clear water (photo 3 and 4). The banks appeared to be stable. Ponds D and F both contained water but neither were discharging. The ditch along the gob pile road was clean and well maintained (photo 5). Pond K contained a small amount of water and snow and was not discharging. Pond J was dry with some snow. The culvert under the D Bench stock pile was clear of obstructions (photo 6).

PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES – Rule 4.10 and 4.11 □ Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 11 Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 2 Gob was stacked on Gob Pile 2 for drying. The area between Gob Pile 2 and 4 was being excavated and stacked for later use on Gob Pile 4 (maybe within the next week).

ROADS – Rule  $4.03 \square$  Construction  $4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3) \square$  Drainage  $4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4) \square$  Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and  $(6)\square$  Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

The main access roads around the facilities areas were well maintained. The gob pile access road was well maintained. The access road to the gob vent boreholes and Terror Creek fan site was snow covered and muddy and not inspected due to the conditions.

#### SUPPORT FACILITIES - Rule 4.04:

Exploratory roads were built on the west side of the downhill conveyor to survey for an additional gob pile. The roads are still in place but drill tests have not been completed at this time.

#### **DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: None**

## **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

Infraction Number: CV2013001 Inspection Date: January 9, 2013 Date Issued: January 18, 2013

Primary Topic: Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

Secondary Topic: Topsoil Tertiary Topic: Financial Warranty

Description: Failure to obtain a technical revision for a modification to the terms or requirements of the permit for design changes for a regulated structure, as required by Rule 2.08.4(2).

Failure to obtain final approval before implementing a technical revision, as required by Rule 2.08.4(4).

Failure to obtain approval of a performance bond covering the surface acreage to be affected prior to disturbing surface acreage, as required by Rule 3.02.1(2).

Failure to save topsoil and subsoils before disturbance of areas affected by surface coal mining operations, as required by Rule 4.06.1(1).

Abatement #: 1

Abatement Due Date: 2/12/2013

Abatement Description: Provide all materials necessary to obtain approval for Technical Revision No. 76 to authorize disturbance.

Abatement #: 2

Abatement Due Date: 2/12/2013

Abatement Description: Post appropriate financial warranty for existing disturbance and any additional proposed disturbance.

Abatement #: 3

Abatement Due Date: 2/12/2013

Abatement Description: Save all topsoil in accordance with Rule 4.06.2.

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