



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



**PERMIT INFORMATION**

<b>Permit Number:</b> C-1981-041 <b>Mine Name:</b> Roadside Portals <b>Operator:</b> Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. <b>Operator Address:</b> Ms. Tonya Hammond P.O. Box 1430 Palisade, CO 81526	<b>County:</b> Mesa <b>Operation Type:</b> Underground <b>Permit Status:</b> Permanent Cessation <b>Ownership:</b> Federal
<b>Operator Representative Present:</b>	
<b>Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)</b>	

**INSPECTION INFORMATION**

<b>Inspection Start Date:</b> February 25, 2013 <b>Inspection Start Time:</b> 12:00 <b>Inspection End Date:</b> February 25, 2013 <b>Inspection End Time:</b> 14:15	<b>Inspection Type:</b> Coal Partial Inspection <b>Inspection Reason:</b> Normal I&E Program <b>Weather:</b> Cloudy
<b>Joint Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Joint Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Post Inspection Agency:</b>  None	<b>Post Inspection Contacts:</b>
<b>Inspector(s):</b>  Michael P. Boulay	<b>Inspector's Signature:</b>  <i>Michael P. Boulay</i>  <b>Signature Date:</b>  3/4/13

**Inspection Topic Summary**

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

N - Air Resource Protection

N - Availability of Records

N - Backfill &amp; Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

N - Fish &amp; Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

NA - Other

R - Processing Waste

Y - Roads

Y - Reclamation Success

Y - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

NA - Slides and Other Damage

Y - Support Facilities On-site

N - Signs and Markers

NA - Support Facilities Not On-site

NA - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Topsoil

**COMMENTS**

This was a partial inspection of the Roadside Portals Mine conducted on February 25, 2013 by Mike Boulay of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Grand Junction Field Office. There was no operator representative present during the inspection. Weather conditions were cloudy and cool. Ground conditions at the mine site were wet with some snow cover mainly on north facing slopes.

**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 North Portals and South Portals areas were inspected. Drainage and diversion ditches were stable with no significant erosion or other problems noted. Coal Creek at the North Portal was damp from recent snowmelt. Coal Gulch at the south end of reclaimed Pond 11 is stable and remains in good condition. The large culvert in Coal Gulch beneath the access road is well maintained with no accumulation of sediment (see attached Photograph No. 1).

The one remaining site sedimentation pond (Pond 9) at the South Portal area was inspected. The pond was partially snow covered but was not retaining any water. The pond embankment and inlet were stable. Pond 9 is scheduled to be reclaimed in the near future. SCC has been approved to reclaim the pond and construct a permanent channel at this location via TR-63. Pond 9 is shown in Photograph No. 2.

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

Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

The CRDA waste disposal sites were stable, diversions and perimeter ditches appeared functional. CRDA-2 at the North Portal area is shown in Photograph No. 3. The RSRDA was inspected at the South Portal. This refuse pile is stable with well constructed lateral and perimeter ditches (see Photo No. 4).

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**DOCUMENTS RECEIVED**

**None**

**OTHER (SPECIFY)**

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**ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE**

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

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo No. 1 - Coal Gulch



Photo No. 2 - Pond 9



Photo No. 3 - CRDA-2



Photo No. 4 - RSRDA

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