




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



PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: X-2008-142-12 Mine Name: NH North GW Monitoring Wells Operator: Western Fuels-Colorado, LLC Operator Address: David Anderson 12050 N. Pecos Street Westminster, Co 80234	County: Montrose Operation Type: Coal exploration Permit Status: Inactive Ownership: Private
Operator Representative Present: David Anderson	
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: April 23, 2013 Inspection Start Time: 09:30 Inspection End Date: April 23, 2013 Inspection End Time: 10:00	Inspection Type: Surety Release Inspection Inspection Reason: Surety Release Requested Weather: Clear
Joint Inspection Agency: None	Joint Inspection Contacts:
Post Inspection Agency: None	Post Inspection Contacts:
Inspector(s): Elliott R. Russell Jason D. Musick	Inspector's Signature:  Signature Date: 4/29/2013

Inspection Topic Summary	
NOTE: Y=Inspected N=Not Inspected R=Comments Noted V=Violation Issued NA=Not Applicable	
N - Air Resource Protection	N - Roads
N - Backfill & Grading	R - Reclamation Success
N - Fish & Wildlife	N - Revegetation
N - Hydrologic Balance	N - Slides and Other Damage
N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan	N - Signs and Markers
N - Other	N - Topsoil

COMMENTS

This was a coal exploration bond release inspection of X-2008-142-12 conducted by Elliott Russell of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). A request for bond release, submitted by Greg Lewicki and Associates for Western Fuels-Colorado, was received by the Division on March 29, 2013. David Anderson, representing the operator, and Jason Musick, of the Division, accompanied the inspection. Landowners were contacted by mine personnel prior to the inspection.

The weather was clear and mild and the ground was dry with areas of moisture due to irrigation watering.

The NOI involved the drilling of three wells and a pilot hole at each site. There were three sites: East Nest, Northwest Nest, and Southwest Nest. The three wells at each site still remain and are accounted for the reclamation bond of New Horizon North Mine (C-2010-089). The pilot holes were abandoned and reclaimed in compliance with Rule 4.07.3 by filling the holes with bentonite chips and drill cuttings up to 10 feet from the surface. Concrete was used to fill the hole up to 2 feet from the surface and the remainder filled with native soil.

Each abandoned exploration pilot hole was navigated to using a Trimble Yuma unit, utilizing a georeferenced final drill site map which was provided in the Final Reclamation Report. The results of the inspection, including photographs of the sites is provided below.

RECLAMATION SUCCESS - Rule 2.02(g) and 4.21.2(2):

All 3 sites were well vegetated, with some sites exhibiting more vegetation than others at the time of the inspection. All sites showed no signs of erosion, evidence of noxious/invasive species, or any other problems. Exploration did not consist of pad or road construction. No evidence of disturbance, resulting from drilling the pilot holes, was found after thoroughly searching each site.

Based on this inspection, it is determined that the three pilot holes inspected were properly abandoned and the adequately reclaimed to ensure stability of the sites. Nothing found during the inspection would preclude the full release of the bond held for this project.

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

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

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0

PHOTOGRAPHS



East Nest



Northwest Nest

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0



Southwest Nest

Number of Partial Inspection this Fiscal Year: 0

Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 0