



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



PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number: C-1981-041 Mine Name: Roadside Portals Operator: Snowcap Coal Company, Inc. Operator Address: Ms. Tonya Hammond P.O. Box 1430 Palisade, CO 81526	County: Mesa Operation Type: Underground Permit Status: Permanent Cessation Ownership: Federal
Operator Representative Present: None	
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: April 29, 2013 Inspection Start Time: 12:00 Inspection End Date: April 29, 2013 Inspection End Time: 14:15	Inspection Type: Coal Partial Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear
Joint Inspection Agency: None	Joint Inspection Contacts:
Post Inspection Agency: None	Post Inspection Contacts:
Inspector(s): Michael P. Boulay	Inspector's Signature: <i>Michael P. Boulay</i> Signature Date: 5/2/2013

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 & Grading

NA - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

R - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

Y - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

NA - Other

Y - 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 April 29, 2013 by Mike Boulay of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Grand Junction Field Office. I was not accompanied by an operator representative during the inspection. Weather conditions were sunny and warm. Ground conditions were dry. The North Portal, South Portal, and North Decline areas were inspected.

FISH and WILDLIFE – Rule 4.18:

Vegetation is starting to green up in some areas of the mine site. Deer were spotted grazing south of the RSRDA Borrow Area at the South Portal (see Photograph No. 1).

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:

Site Sedimentation Pond 9 was the final pond to be reclaimed for the Roadside Portals. The pond was fully reclaimed in April 2013. TR-63 was approved in February 2013 and allowed for a ditch design for flow through Sediment Pond 9. During the site visit I inspected the construction of the ditch at the former location of Pond 9. It appeared that the ditch is being constructed in accordance with the approved plan. See Photographs No. 2 and 3 for the location of former Pond 9 and the ditch construction. The RSRDA at the South Portal area was in very good condition with no erosion or instability noted.

At the North Decline reclaimed areas including former Pond 7 were inspected. The ground is very stable with no erosion, however; vegetation appears to be sparse in the immediate vicinity of the reclaimed pond (see Photograph 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 - Mule deer near RSRDA borrow area. Photo No. 2 - Location of reclaimed Pond 9.



Photo No. 3 – Ditch Construction at Former Pond 9.

Photo No. 4 – Reclaimed Pond 7 at North Decline.

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