



**U.S. DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR
OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING
Mine Site Evaluation
State Program**



1. Permittee/Person OAKRIDGE ENERGY INC		9. Permit Number C-1992-080	10. Permit Type PP
2. Address 4613 JACKSBORO HWY		11. Field Visit Date 4/30/2013 <small>mm - dd - yyyy</small>	12. Purpose OP
3. City WICHITA FALLS		14. Permit Status A	15. Site Status AN
4. State TX		16. Facility Type A	13. SRA Present Y
5. Zip Code 76301	6. Phone Number (940) 322-4772	17. OSM Office # 141	18. CCID #
7. Operator Name, if Different than Permittee OAKRIDGE ENERGY INC		19. Land Code S	20. M.S.H.A. ID # 05-03683
8. Mine Name CARBON JUNCTION		21. State Abbrev. CO	22. County/Burrough LA PLATA
		23. AVS Permittee Entity ID Number 123708	24. State Office

25. Hours

10.0	a. Permit Review
5.0	b. Site Visit Time
12.0	c. Travel Time
5.0	d. Report Writing

26. Signature Block

Elizabeth Shaeffer
Signature:
Elizabeth Shaeffer, ID#377
Printed Name:
Date: **5/20/2013**

27. Reviewing Official:

Alan L. Pedersen
Signature:
Review Date: **05-20-2013**
mm - dd - yyyy
Is Supplemental MSE Page Used Y/N **Y**

Permit Type - Item 10 IP = Interim Program PP = Permanent Program NP = No Permit

Purpose Type Codes - Item 12

Oxx...Oversight
Axx...Assistance

RFx...Reclamation Fees
Fxx...Federal Actions

CCR...Citizen Complaint Referral (non-site visit)
CC....Citizen Complaint (initial site visit)
CCF...Assistance

Joint Inspection - Item 13 A joint inspection is when a state inspector accompanies an OSM inspector at any time during the review of the mine site

Permit Status - Item 14

A Active: Coal mining activities occurring or permitted but not yet disturbed.
IN Inactive (Permanent Program Permit): Phase II completed or Temporary Cessation of Operations. (Interim Program Permit): Coal mining completed and reclamation activities initiated.
BR Bond Release: Reclamation completed and State Regulatory Authority(RA) has released all of the bond (Phase III Release).

AB Abandoned: All surface and underground coal mining activities have ceased and operator has left the site without completing reclamation as defined in 30 CFR 840.11(g).
AB1 Bond Forfeiture: Bond forfeiture officially in process or completed and reclamation in progress or not yet commenced.
AB2 Partially Reclaimed Forfeiture: Forfeited site where all bonds have been used to reclaim site, but site not reclaimed to Program standards.
AB3 Reclaimed Forfeiture: Forfeited site that has been reclaimed to Program standards.
NA Not Applicable: When site is unpermitted.

Site Status - Item 15

ND No Disturbance: No coal mining and reclamation operations have been started.
EX Coal Exploration: Coal exploration operations have started and where coal mining operations have not begun.
AP Active Coal Producing: Coal surface mining activities are occurring.
AN Active Non-Producing: Active non-producing facility such as tipple or preparation plant.
NM No Mining: The Permit Status is active, site is not in Temporary Cessation, no surface coal mining activity, and site not regraded.

MC Mining Complete: No mining activity on site, site regraded and awaiting bond release.
TC Temporary Cessation: The RA has granted cessation of mining pursuant to 30 CFR 816/817:13(b).
P1 Phase I Release: At least Phase I bond release granted for entire permitted area. For interim permits, partial bond release.
P2 Phase II Release: At least Phase II bond release for the entire permitted area.
P3 Phase III Release: Reclamation completed and the RA has released all bond.

NS Non-Site Visit: Status of site not determined.
FP Forfeiture Pending: The RA is pursuing actions to revoke the permit, collect the performance bond(s), and/or reclamation of forfeited site is in progress.
FR Forfeited and Reclaimed: Forfeiture reclamation completed.
FO Abandoned Site: Abandoned site that is permitted but there is no bond.
WC Wildcat: Coal mining and reclamation operations have or are taking place and the activity is not covered by the required permits from the RA.

Facility Type Codes - Item 16

A...Surface
B...Underground
C...Preparation Plant

D...Ancillary (Haulroad, Conveyor, and/or Rails)
E...Refuse and/or Impoundment
F...Loading Facility and/or Tipple
G...Stockpiles

H...Exploration Permits
I...Notice of Intent to Explore
J...Exempt 16 and 2/3

K...Government Financed Construction Exemption
L...Remining site permitted under 30 CFR 785.25

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA)

Your Comments are Important

The Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman and 10 Regional Fairness Boards were established to receive comments from small businesses about Federal agency enforcement actions. The Ombudsman will annually evaluate the enforcement activities and rate each agency's responsiveness to small business. If you are a small business (a business with 500 or fewer employees including those of affiliates) and wish to comment on the enforcement or compliance activities of OSM, call 1-888-REG-FAIR (1-888-734-3247).

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28. Performance Standard Categories

Codes:1=Compliance, 2=Noncompliance, 3=Not Planned, 4=Not Started, 5=Noncompliance Identified Elsewhere, 6=Previously Cited, 7=Permit Defect

<p>A. Administrative</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>1</u> Mining within Valid Permit 2. <u> </u> Mining within Bonded Area 3. <u>2</u> Terms & Conditions of Permit 4. <u> </u> Liability Insurance 5. <u> </u> Ownership and Control 6. <u> </u> Temporary Cessation 7. <u> </u> AML Rec. Fees - Non-Respondent 8. <u> </u> AML Rec. Fees - Failure to Pay <p>B. Hydrologic Balance</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>2</u> Drainage Control 2. <u> </u> Inspections & Certifications 3. <u> </u> Siltation Structures 4. <u> </u> Discharge Structures 5. <u>2</u> Diversions 6. <u> </u> Effluent Limits 7. <u> </u> Ground Water Monitoring 8. <u> </u> Surface Water Monitoring 9. <u> </u> Drainage - Acid-Toxic Materials 10. <u> </u> Impoundments 11. <u> </u> Stream Buffer Zones <p>C. Topsoil & Subsoil</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Removal 2. <u> </u> Substitute Materials 3. <u> </u> Storage and Protection 4. <u> </u> Redistribution 	<p>D. Backfilling & Grading</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Exposed Openings 2. <u> </u> Contemporaneous Reclamation 3. <u> </u> Approximate Original Contour 4. <u> </u> Highwall Elimination 5. <u> </u> Steep Slopes (includes downslope) 6. <u> </u> Handling of Acid and Toxic Materials 7. <u> </u> Stabilization (rills and gullies) <p>E. Excess Spoil Disposal</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Placement 2. <u> </u> Drainage Control 3. <u> </u> Surface Stabilization 4. <u> </u> Inspections & Certifications <p>F. Coal Mine Waste (Refuse Piles/Impoundments)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Drainage Control 2. <u> </u> Surface Stabilization 3. <u> </u> Placement 4. <u> </u> Inspections & Certifications 5. <u> </u> Impounding Structures <p>G. Use of Explosives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Blaster Certification 2. <u> </u> Distance Prohibitions 3. <u> </u> Blast Survey/Schedule 4. <u> </u> Warnings & Records 5. <u> </u> Control of Adverse Effects 	<p>H. <u> </u> Subsidence Control Plan</p> <p>I. Roads</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Road Construction 2. <u> </u> Certification 3. <u> </u> Drainage 4. <u>1</u> Surfacing and Maintenance 5. <u>1</u> Reclamation <p>J. Signs & Markers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>1</u> Signs 2. <u>1</u> Markers <p>K. <u> </u> Distance Prohibitions</p> <p>L. Revegetation</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u> </u> Vegetative Cover 2. <u> </u> Timing <p>M. <u> </u> Postmining Land Use</p> <p>N. Other</p> <p align="center">General Performance Category</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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Performance Standard Categories 30 CFR Counterparts

<p>A. Administrative 1. Valid Permit 773.11 2. Mining within Bonded Area 773.11 3. Terms & Conditions of Permit 773.17 4. Liability Insurance 800.60 5. Ownership and Control 778.13 6. Temporary Cessation 842.11(e) & 816/817.131 7. AML Rec. Fees - Non-Respondent 870.15(b) 8. AML Rec. Fees - Failure to Pay 870.15(a)</p> <p>B. Hydrologic Balance (816/817.41-57) 1. Drainage Control 45 2. Inspections & Certifications 49(a)(10) 3. Siltation Structures 46 4. Discharge Structures 47 5. Diversions 43 6. Effluent Limits 42 7. Ground Water Monitoring 41(e) 8. Surface Water Monitoring 41(e) 9. Drainage - Acid - Toxic Materials 41(f) 10. Impoundments 49 11. Stream Buffer Zones 57</p> <p>C. Topsoil & Subsoil (816/817.22) 1. Removal 22(a) 2. Substitute Materials 22(c) 3. Storage and Protection 22(c) 4. Redistribution 22(d)</p> <p>D. Backfilling & Grading 816/817.95-107 1. Exposed Openings 816/817.13, 14, 15, & 823.11 & 21 2. Contemporaneous Reclamation 100 3. Approximate Original Contour 102(a)(1) 4. Highwall Elimination 102(a)(2) 5. Steep Slopes (includes downslope) 107 6. Handling of Acid & Toxic Materials 102(c) 7. Stabilization (rills and gullies) 95(b)</p>	<p>E. Excess Spoil Disposal (816/817.71-74) 1. Placement 71(e) 2. Drainage Control 71(f) 3. Surface Stabilization 71(g) 4. Inspections & Certifications 71(h)</p> <p>F. Coal Mine Waste (Refuse Piles/Impoundments) 816/817.81-84 1. Drainage Control 83(a) 2. Surface Stabilization 83(b) 3. Placement 83(c) 4. Inspections and Certifications 83(d) 5. Impounding Structures 84</p> <p>G. Use of Explosives (816/817.61-68) 1. Blaster Certification 61(c) 2. Distance Prohibitions 61(d) 3. Blast Survey/Schedule 62-64 4. Warnings & Records 66 & 68 5. Control of Adverse Effects 67</p> <p>H. Subsidence Control Plan (817.121-122)</p> <p>I. Roads (816/817.150-151) 1. Road Construction 150(c) 2. Certification 151(a) 3. Drainage 150(b)-151(d) 4. Surfacing and Maintenance 150(e)-151(d) 5. Reclamation 150(f)</p> <p>J. Signs & Markers 816/817.11 1. Signs 11(a),(b),&(c) 2. Markers 11(a),(b),(d),(e),&(f)</p> <p>K. Distance Prohibitions (761.11)</p> <p>L. Revegetation (816/817.111-116) 1. Vegetative Cover 111 & 116 2. Timing 113</p> <p>M. Postmining Land Use (816/817.133)</p>
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Carbon Junction Mine Partial Oversight Inspection
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) Permit ID # C-1992-080
Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 9:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Operator: Oakridge Energy, Inc.

Participants:

Marcia Talvitie, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS)
Sandy Brown, DRMS
Joe Wilcox, Office of Surface Mining (OSM)
Spencer Shumate, OSM
Elizabeth Shaeffer, OSM, Badge # 377

Weather conditions: 73 degrees, sunny, windy

Background:

The purpose of this oversight inspection was to determine whether DRMS is achieving reclamation success by ensuring the effectiveness of current stream channel and drainage reconstruction efforts that have been implemented to manage overland flow, as required at selected sites in accordance with applicable state laws and regulations and as approved in DRMS permits. Effectively managing overland flow is integral to stabilizing regraded lands and ensuring successful reclamation.

Colorado Code of Regulations 407-2 Rule 2.05.4 (2)(c) requires the permittee to provide a reclamation plan for backfilling, soil stabilizing, compacting, and grading with post mining contour maps and appropriate cross sections that are representative for stream channel reconstruction in accordance with Rule 4.05.4. Similar to the performance standards found at Colorado Rule 4.05.4, Rule 4.05.3 provides performance standards associated with temporary or permanent diversion of ephemeral streams draining a watershed less than one square mile.

Colorado Rules 4.05.3(4), 4.05.3(7), and 4.05.4(4) contain specific design performance standards relating to stream channel reconstruction. In the field, the Team evaluated the Carbon Junction Canyon drainage for compliance with the applicable drainage performance standards.

Stream Channel and Drainage Reconstruction Evaluation:

The Team chose to observe the Carbon Junction Canyon drainage feature during this special focus topic evaluation. Prior to the field evaluation, the Team reviewed the following documents:

- Carbon Junction Mine Revised Permit Document CDMG # C-92-080 (February 2008) Section 2.05.3(4) Ponds, Impoundments, and Diversions
- Stream Channel Reconstruction (Carbon Junction Canyon), pages 5-7 to 5-16
- Post Mining Topography Map, Technical Revision 13, approved 09/07/06
- Oakridge Energy, Inc. Carbon Junction Mine, Site Cross Sections Map, Technical Revision 11, approved 10/09/02

- Oakridge Energy, Inc. Carbon Junction Mine, Mine Hydrology Map, Technical Revision 11, approved 10/09/02
- Appendix 5-2, Sediment Control Design
- Savage and Savage Environmental transmittal memo to Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety dated May 15, 2007, that included an As-built design depicting the capacity currently installed under the main access road for the Segment 4 culvert system as part of the Carbon Junction Canyon Stream Channel Reconstruction project.

The approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) states: “Carbon Junction Canyon was reconstructed for use as a permanent diversion as detailed below. The work involved a diversion of 1962 feet that was riprap lined and with one culvert crossing under the main access road. The channel itself is 14’ wide after lining and varies in depth from 1.9 feet to 2.8 feet including freeboard.”

The following Table is included to show the segment details:

<u>Segment</u>	<u>Length (feet)</u>	<u>Grade%</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1	333	7.3	Lined Section
2	436	2.19	Lined Section
3	277	5.31	Lined Section
4	84	16.14	Section in Culvert
5	184	9.78	Lined Section
6	648	2.15	Lined Section
Total	1,962		

Appendix 2.05 of the MRP, page 5-7, shows that the peak flow for the upper segment (located above the drainage’s junction with the mine access road) is 346 cubic feet per second (cfs) for a 100-year event for a drainage area of 188 acres. Yet, the design data in Appendix 2.05 states that the peak discharge is 293 cfs, the length of the channel is 2,800 feet, the channel width is 20 feet, and the wall slope steepness is 1v:4h. There is a discrepancy between the MRP and the design data.

The Team concluded that a design evaluation of Carbon Junction Canyon Stream Channel Reconstruction could not be performed in accordance with the Colorado program at this time for the following reasons:

1. There are conflicting design standards between Appendix 2.05 and Section 2.05.3(4) of the MRP: (1) No watershed boundaries are identified for the diversion, (2) the length of the diversion is stated to be 2,800 feet in Appendix 2.05 versus 1,962 feet in Section 2.05.3(4) of the MRP, and (3) no data sheets or supporting documentation is supplied in Appendix 2.05.
2. The Mine Hydrology Map, approved on October 9, 2002, as part of Technical Revision 11(TR-11) shows a diversion channel located to the left of the original Carbon Junction Canyon drainage (upstream of the reconstructed channel). In the field, the Team observed that this channel has erosion and down cutting that has not been reclaimed. The original channel has filled in with vegetation and needs additional work in order to be reestablished to its original condition all the way upstream to the undisturbed natural Carbon Junction Channel and downstream to the Carbon Junction Canyon drainage.
3. The Post Mining Topography (PMT) Map submitted with Technical Revision 13 (approved September 7, 2006) was not certified and does not show the actual topography that the Team observed in the field. Additionally, the Mine Hydrology Map is not field-verifiable. The permit boundary is different on the above mentioned maps.
4. On all observed maps (Mine Hydrology Map, PMT Map, and the Site Cross Sections Map), the twin culverts in Segment 4 of the Carbon Junction Canyon drainage are not correctly identified. The maps show a single pipe arch culvert that is 9 feet 4 inches in diameter passing under the main road, not the existing two side-by-side 66" culverts. The Division has received as-builts for the twin culverts, but the as-builts have not been incorporated into the MRP.
5. A determination cannot be made regarding the location or status of the East Diversion Ditch observed in the field due to the lack of clear and concise information in the MRP.
6. Page 5-10c of the MRP explains that there are two additional areas to be rock lined upstream from the main diversion. These two areas are named "Upstream 1" and "Upstream 2". The text states that "Upstream 1" is 150 feet long, contains D50 rip rap with a 1.5 diameter, is placed (on average) two feet thick, will be placed in a channel 14 feet wide, and will not contain an underlying filter since "the existing material is rocky". The same characteristics apply to "Upstream 2", except that its length is 350 feet. The Team was unable to locate or identify either of these diversion segments in the field.

Please note that this list is not all-inclusive; it includes only deficiencies identified as part of OSM's "Stream Channel and Drainage Reconstruction" special focus topic evaluation for Evaluation Year 2013.

Additional Inspection Details:

Hydrology

The Team walked the 1962 foot-long Carbon Junction Canyon permanent diversion channel containing six distinct segments (as identified in Section 2.05.3(4) of the MRP) from bottom, where the drainage joins with a tributary to Carbon Junction Canyon (Segment 1), to top-where the reconstructed drainage commences upstream (Segment 6) . The Team took measurements at random locations for channel segment length, width, riprap sizes, and gradient of the drainage. The slopes and lengths were confirmed within prudent engineering practices and functioning as

designed in accordance with the Site Cross Sections map approved by DRMS on October 9, 2002 as part of the Technical Revision 11 (TR-11) approval, although the reconstructed drainage appeared to be oversized with larger than necessary riprap. Additionally, the Team's gradient measurements for Segment 1 was much steeper than the gradient listed on the Site Cross Sections Map (7.30% design versus 14% field-measured).

Segment 4 contains two culverts with 66-inch diameters that pass under the main haul road. Ms. Talvitie informed us that the culverts were installed when Sediment Ponds 1 and 2 were removed in 2008 and 2009. The Site Cross Sections Map approved with TR-11 indicates that Segment 4 contains a single pipe arch culvert that is 9 feet 4 inches in diameter passing under the main road. The designs in the current MRP do not reflect field conditions (Photo 11386).

Sediment Pond 2 was inspected. Ms. Talvitie informed us that the dam was removed in 2009. The high banks above Pond 2 are not well vegetated, and the site has historic problems with Canada thistle (Photo 11388). There is not a truly defined channel that carries water from above Pond 2 and meets the original stream, and it is apparent that water collects in a flat, wide area (Photo 11389).

As noted in Item 2 above, the Team observed that the diversion channel located to the left of the original Carbon Junction Canyon drainage (upstream of the reconstructed channel) has erosion and down cutting that has not been reclaimed (Photos 11390 and 11391). The Team walked the entire length of the drainage until the undisturbed, original channel was identified. The Team estimated the depth of this drainage in certain areas to be up to 10 feet. Ms. Talvitie informed us that last fall, she directed the mine operator to eliminate the berm directing the flow to the left of the original Carbon Junction Canyon drainage so that the natural drainage channel could be restored. At the location where the berm was removed, there is a large bare area that should be seeded and mulched to prevent further erosion (Photos 11392 and 11393). The original channel has filled in with vegetation and needs additional work in order to be reestablished to its original condition all the way upstream to the undisturbed natural Carbon Junction Channel and downstream to the reconstructed Carbon Junction Canyon drainage.

Signs and Markers

The mine ID sign at the entrance gate was intact and contained all of the necessary information. Permit boundary markers were visible from the main access road (Photo 11394).

Non-Compliance

Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety preparing a Notice of Violation (No. CV-2013-005) to Oakridge Energy, Inc. for the deficiencies and non-compliance issues identified at the Carbon Junction Mine as a result of this special focus topic evaluation.

I&E Inspection Photos

Permit: C-1992-080 Inspection Date: 4/30/2013

Permittee: OAKRIDGE ENERGY INC



Notes:

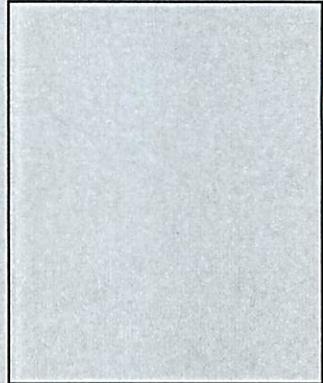


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Subject: CULVERTS UNDER MAIN ACCESS ROAD

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION



Notes:

Bare bank with historic Canada thistle problems

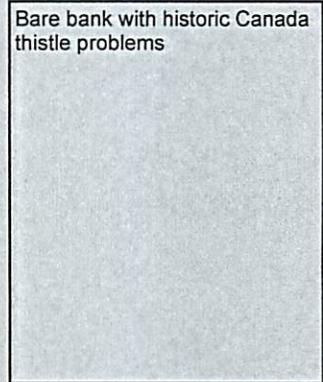


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Subject: HIGH BANK ABOVE POND 2

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION

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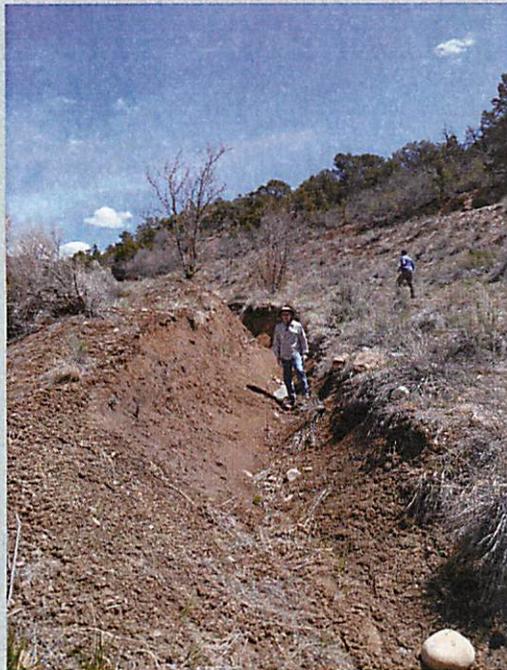
Notes:

Pond 2 and area in left foreground of photo where water collects

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Subject: POND 2

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION



Notes:

Channel is located upstream of reconstructed riprap channel, erosion and downcutting has not been reclaimed.

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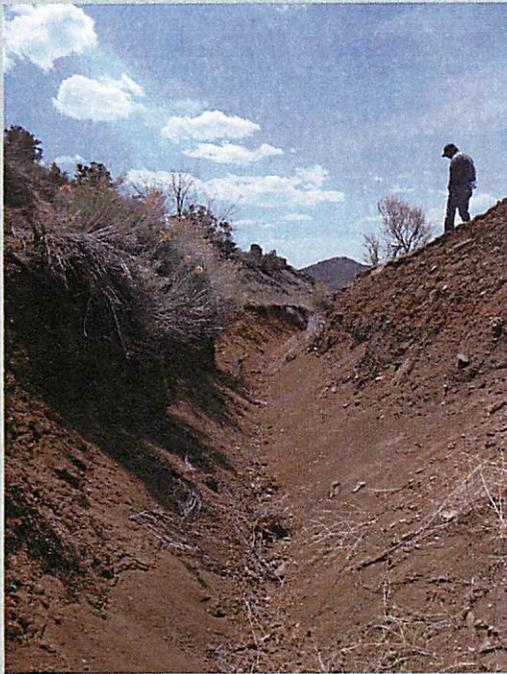
Subject: CHANNEL LEFT OF ORIGINAL CJC DRAINAGE

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION

I&E Inspection Photos

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Permittee: OAKRIDGE ENERGY INC



Notes:

Channel is located upstream of reconstructed riprap channel, erosion and downcutting has not been reclaimed. Photo is taken from floor of gully with person for scale on upper right bank.

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Photographer: SMESHAEFFER

Date Taken: 4/30/2013

State: CO

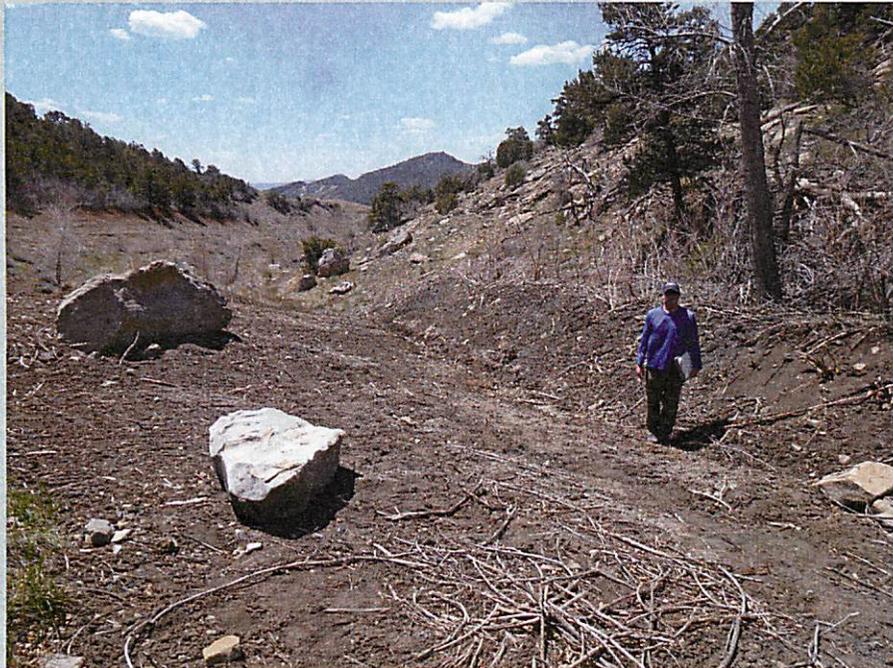
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Subject: Channel left of original CJC Drainage 2

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION



Notes:

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County: LA PLATA

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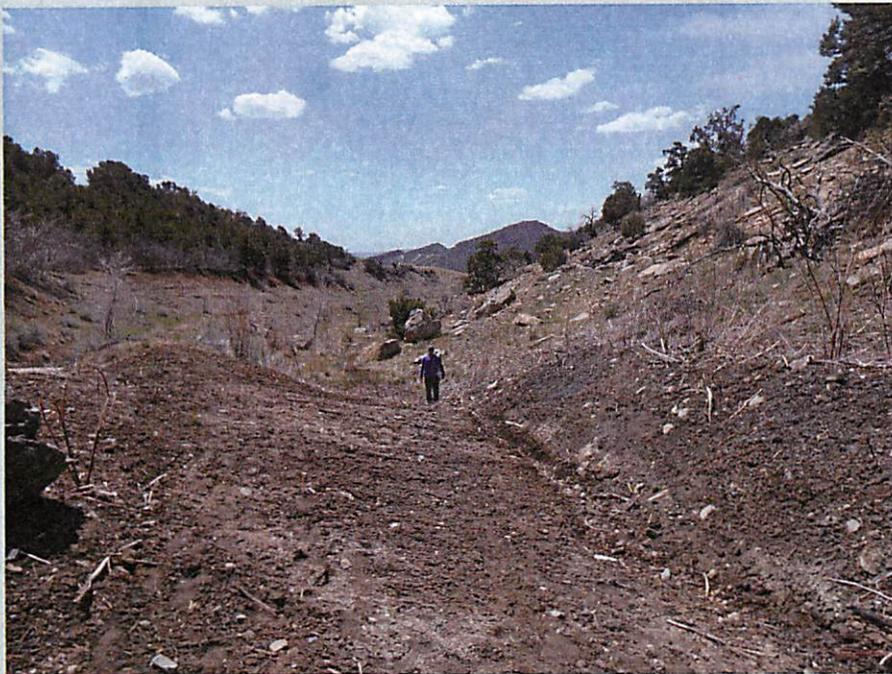
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Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION

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Notes:

disturbed area

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Subject: BARE AREA NEAR CJC berm REMOVAL 2

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION



Notes:

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Subject: MINE ID SIGN

Mine Name: CARBON JUNCTION