

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



# **PERMIT INFORMATION**

| Permit Number: C-1983-059         |
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| Mine Name: Terror Creek Loadout   |
| <b>Operator:</b> Terror Creek LLC |
| <b>Operator Address:</b>          |
| Mr James A Kiger                  |
| DO D 525                          |

P.O. Box 535 3737 Highway 133 Somerset, CO 81434 County: Delta

Operation Type: Loadout Permit Status: Active Ownership: Private

**Operator Representative Present:** 

Jim Kiger

**Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)** 

N/A – Issued from Denver Field Office

## **INSPECTION INFORMATION**

| Inspection Start Date: June 6, 2013<br>Inspection Start Time: 11:15<br>Inspection End Date: June 6, 2013<br>Inspection End Time: 15:15 |                   |                            | Inspection Type: Coal Complete Inspection Inspection Reason: Normal I&E Program Weather: Clear |  |  |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------|--|--|--|
| Joint Inspection Agency:   |                   | Joint Inspection Contacts: |  |  |  |
| None   |                   | None                       |  |  |  |
| Post Inspection Agency:  |                   | Post Inspection Contacts:  |  |  |  |
| None   |                   |                            | None   |  |  |
| Inspector(s):  | Inspector's Signa |                            | nature: Signature Date:  |  |  |
| James R. Stark   | 4                 |                            | 18 June 2013   |  |  |

**Inspection Topic Summary** 

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

N - Air Resource Protection R - Roads

**R** - 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
N - Fish & Wildlife
R - Support Facilities On-site

R - Hydrologic Balance

N - Signs and Markers

 ${f R}\,$  - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan  ${f N}\,$  - Support Facilities Not On-site

N - Other N - Special Categories Of Mining

N - Processing Waste R - Topsoil

# **COMMENTS**

This was a complete inspection of the Terror Creek Loadout conducted by Jim Stark of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. Jim Kiger, representing Terror Creek, LLC, accompanied me on the inspection. The loadout was not actively receiving, processing, loading or shipping any coal at the time of the inspection. The weather was hot and sunny and the ground was dry.

## **AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS** – Rule 5.02.4(1):

- All of the necessary records were available at either the Elk Creek Mine's office or the Terror Creek Loadout's office. The two locations for the records is acceptable because the loadout is only operational on an as-needed basis. Anyone wanting to access any of the Terror Creek Loadout's records would need to contact Jim Kiger at the Elk Creek Mine to access the records. Please see the Availability of Records form at the end of this inspection report for more detailed information.

#### **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 sediment pond was dry at the time of the inspection. The pond embankment was well vegetated and stable and no erosional problems were noted. The emergency spillway was clear and stable.
- The dug-out pond was dry at the time of the inspection. The pond was well vegetated and stable and no erosional problems were noted.
- The roadside ditches were all dry at the time of the inspection. The ditches were clean, with very little sediment observed. The ditches were well vegetated and stable and there were no erosional problems noted in either the ditch inslopes or the ditch bottoms.

Number of <u>Partial</u> Inspection this Fiscal Year: 9 Number of Complete Inspections this Fiscal Year: 4

#### GENERAL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE:

- The Terror Creek Loadout is a loadout only. Operations at the site include processing coal (sizing coal) and loading trains. The site was not operating at the time of the inspection and will only be operational when an order for coal is received. There were sizable stockpiles of lump and stoker coal at the time of the inspection. The coal fines pile has been moved to the Elk Creek Mine. There were no problems noted with the coal processing operations and they are consistent with what is approved in the permit.

**ROADS** – Rule 4.03 Construction 4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3) Drainage 4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4) Surfacing and Maintenance4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and (6) Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

- The haul road from the loadout entrance to the truck scale is a paved road. This road was well maintained and stable. There were no problems noted with the road or the road embankments. The remaining haul road, from the scale to the truck dump and back to the paved portion of the road, is a dirt road. This road was dry and remains stable and well maintained and no problems were noted at the time of the inspection.

#### **SUPPORT FACILITIES** - Rule 4.04:

- The fuel island area was in good condition at the time of the inspection. There was no sign of any spilled fuel.
- The loadout structure was stable at the time of the inspection.
- The mine office and shop area were stable at the time of the inspection. No problems were noted with either of these buildings or the parking area/pad.

#### **SIGNS AND MARKERS** – Rule 4.02:

- The topsoil stockpile by the sediment pond was well vegetated and stable and no erosional problems were noted. The pile was sprayed in the fall for cheat grass (bromus tectorum). The pile will be reseeded in the areas that were sprayed.

### **DOCUMENTS RECEIVED:** None

This concludes the 6 June 2013 complete inspection report for the Terror Creek Loadout.

# ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

There are no outstanding enforcements at the Terror Creek Loadout and none were issued as a result of the 6 June 2013 complete inspection at the Terror Creek Loadout

# **AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS**

| PERMIT RECORDS  |                              | HYDROLOGIC RECORDS                               |          |
|---|------------------------------|--|----------|
| DRMS Permit   | Exp 23 Aug 13 <sup>A</sup>   | NPDES Permit                                     | X        |
| Permit Application w/Revisions  | X                            | NPDES Records                                    | X        |
| Findings Document   | X                            | Stormwater Management Plan                       | X        |
| Insurance Certificate   | Exp 1 June 2013 <sup>B</sup> | SPCC Plan  | X        |
| Bond Document   | \$278,000.00                 | MSHA Pond Inspections                            | N/A      |
| Phased Bond Release   | N/A                          |  | N/A      |
| Documents/Findings  |                              | State Engineer's Pond Inspection                 |          |
| Air Emission Permits  | X                            | Quarterly Pond Inspections                       | 1Q13     |
| County Special Use Permits  | X                            | Annual Hydrology Reports                         | 2012 Rpt |
| UG Mining Landowner Notification                                      | N/A                          | <ul> <li>Ground Water Monitoring</li> </ul>      | X        |
| Subsidence Monitoring Reports   | N/A                          | <ul> <li>Surface Water Monitoring</li> </ul>     | X        |
| Subsidence Monitoring Data  | N/A                          | <ul> <li>Spring &amp; Seep Monitoring</li> </ul> | N/A      |
| Rill & Gully Survey   | N/A                          | Mine Water Discharge     Monitoring              | N/A      |
| Vegetation Monitoring Data  | N/A                          | Mine Inflow Study                                | N/A      |
| Specific Variance Approvals   | N/A                          | Water Consumption Records                        | N/A      |
| Annual Reclamation Reports  | 2012 Rpt                     | Well Permits                                     | X        |
| Midterm Review Documents  | 23 Feb 11                    |  |          |
| DRMS/OSM Inspection   | X                            |  |          |
| Reports/Enforcement Actions (3  |                              |  |          |
| Years)  |                              | BLASTING RECORDS                                 |          |
| Transfers/Succession of Operator                                      | X                            | Blasting Publication                             | N/A      |
| Temporary Cessation Notification                                      | N/A                          | Blasting Records (3 years)                       | N/A      |
| Reclamation Cost Estimate   | X                            | ATFE Explosives Permit                           | N/A      |
| CERTIFICATIONS  |                              | Blasting Variances                               | N/A      |
| Pond Certifications   | X                            | Pre-Blast Surveys                                | N/A      |
| Annual Certifications for Impoundments                                | N/A                          |  |          |
| Fill Certifications for Excess Spoil or Underground Development Waste | N/A                          | ADDITIONAL RECORDS (specify)                     |          |
| Quarterly Inspections   | N/A                          |  |          |
| Compaction Testing  | N/A                          |  |          |
| • Final Certification   | N/A                          |  |          |
| Coal Processing Waste Banks   | N/A                          |  | _        |
| Haul Road Certifications  | X                            |  | _        |
| Access Road Certifications  | N/A                          |  |          |
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COMMENTS: A: The Division is currently writing the Findings document for RN-06

B: The insurance was expired but Jim Kiger sent a new copy (pdf) that was in my inbox when I returned to the office – the new expiration date is 1 June 2014.