




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 Present
Operator Representative Signature: (Field Issuance Only)	

INSPECTION INFORMATION

Inspection Start Date: July 11, 2013 Inspection Start Time: 14:30 Inspection End Date: July 11, 2013 Inspection End Time: 16:00		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): Susan L. Burgmaier	Inspector's Signature: 		Signature Date: 07/17/2013

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

N - Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste

NA - Explosives

N - Fish & Wildlife

R - Hydrologic Balance

N - Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

NA - Other

NA - Processing Waste

R - Roads

N - Reclamation Success

R - Revegetation

N - Subsidence

NA - Slides and Other Damage

N - Support Facilities On-site

R - 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 conducted by Susan Burgmaier of DRMS. No representative of Snowcap Coal Company was present during the inspection. Weather conditions during the inspection were sunny and hot; ground conditions were extremely dry. The mine is in permanent cessation; nearly all required reclamation work has been performed.

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:

All ditches that were inspected were dry. The refuse disposal area ditches at CRDA #1 and #2 and RSRDA were in good condition with no indication of downcutting or instability.

The channels through reclaimed Pond 6, 9, and 10 were also in good condition with no evidence of recent flow.

PROCESSING WASTE/COAL MINE WASTE PILES – Rule 4.10 and 4.11 □ Drainage Control; Surface Stabilization; Placement:

Reclaimed refuse areas CRDA#1, CRDA#2, and RSRDA were stable and well vegetated. There were no signs of erosion or instability observed.

ROADS – Rule 4.03 □ Construction 4.03.1(3)/4.03.2(3) □ Drainage 4.03.1(4)/4.03.2(4) □ Surfacing and Maintenance 4.03.1(5) and (6)/4.03.2(5) and (6) □ Reclamation 4.03.1(7)/4.03.2(7):

Roads in the vicinity of the CRDA areas and RSRDA were dry and in good condition; culverts were clear and ditches were stable.

REVEGETATION – Rule 4.15 □ Vegetative Cover; Timing:

The revegetated former Ponds 6 and 10 areas were walked. Grasses, penstemon, and sage were observed in both areas, with very few weeds. There were no indications of any erosion by water or wind. Both areas were

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covered with straw mulch. Reclaimed Pond 9 (reclaimed earlier this year) was nearly bare. There were a few grasses and sage plants on the east end of the reclaimed pond, but nothing had germinated on the majority of the area. Nothing had germinated under the straw mulch, and the soil was very dry.

SIGNS AND MARKERS – Rule 4.02:

Mine identification signs were observed at the South Portal area; boundary markers were in place near the CRDA areas.

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS/COMPLIANCE

No enforcement actions were initiated as a result of this inspection, nor are any pending.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Pond 6 Reclamation



CRDA #1/#2 Reclamation

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Pond 10 Reclamation



Pond 9 Reclamation



RSRDA Reclamation

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