

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

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MINING INSPECTION REPORT

Name of Operator: St. Cloud Mining Company
Name of Mine: Midnight Mine
Address: Section 4, T 12S, R 9W
Permit Number: S1007ME
Commodity: ? SURFACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND <input type="checkbox"/>
Date of Inspection: October 2, 1998
Time of On-Site Inspection: 11:30 am - 3:30 pm
Weather Conditions: Sunny, warm
Purpose of Inspection: Agency review and initial inspection for me
Inspector: Mike Tompson
Present During Inspection: Mark Watson - Game & Fish Dept.
ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN: # _____ YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
CESSATION ORDER: YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Time: On-Site: 2.5 Permit Review: 0.5 Travel: 10 Report Writing: 0.5
TOTAL INSPECTION TIME: _____ HOURS
NOTE: We checked in at the St. Cloud office building and drove up the creek bed until we got to Byers Run. Road was inaccessible along Byers Run. We walked the mile or so it takes to get to the mine. There are no locked gates. There is no cabin where the Midnight Cabin is designated on the map.

Agency Review Inspection
October 5, 1998
Midnight Mine
St. Cloud Mining Company

NARRATIVE:

The photos can give a better description than my written narrative.

The road from Byers Run up to the mine is intact and has not been seeded or ripped. There is some Russian Thistle growing on it, but no species of note other than that. As you approach the mine, there is some erosion in the drainage way. The area surrounding the adit area has been covered with waste rock and contoured to a natural slope. There doesn't appear to be any erosion in this area. There is some vegetation of shrubs and grasses, but not it is comparable in cover to the natural surroundings.

The adit has been backfilled and can not be entered unless you do some serious digging. The headframe that protects from falling rocks is still there and intact. There is a ventilation type structure near to the adit entrance, about three feet in diameter. A berm about 10-15 ft high encloses this area and prevents water from running down the slope.

There is a barbed wire fence above the site along its perimeter. The headwall is still about 30 ft high at its peak height.

Approximately 24 photos were taken while visiting the site.

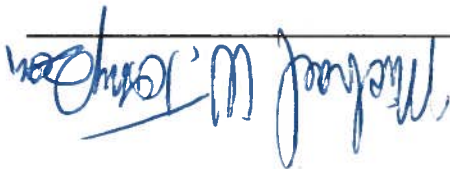
MAINTENANCE ITEMS:

none

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN:

none

INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:



DATE: 10/5/98