

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 1, T 12S, R 9W
Permit Number:	S1007ME
Commodity:	Gold, copper
	<input type="checkbox"/> SURFACE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNDERGROUND
Date of Inspection:	September 6, 2001
Time of On-Site Inspection:	9:30 am - 10:30 am
Weather Conditions:	Warm, sunny
Purpose of Inspection:	Annual inspection
Inspector:	Mike Tompson
Present During Inspection:	
ENFORCEMENT ACTION TAKEN:	YES: <input type="checkbox"/> NO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
NOTICE OF VIOLATION: #	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: Check in at the St. Cloud office building and proceed up the creek bed until you get to Byers Run. Road is often inaccessible along Byers Run. You must walk the 2 + miles to the mine site. There are no locked gates. The road to the mine is the first one on the right that you come to while going up Byers Run.	

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NARRATIVE:

The site has changed little in the past year. The road from Byers Run up to the mine is intact and has not been seeded or ripped. Very little vegetation is growing at the bottom portion of the road. The upper portion of the road has more vegetation than during the last site inspection. As you approach the mine, there is some erosion in the drainage way but is not too bad. The area surrounding the adit area has been covered with waste rock and contoured to a natural slope (over two years ago). There doesn't appear to be any erosion in this area. There is some vegetation of shrubs and grasses and it has increased in coverage since the last time the site was visited.

The adit has been backfilled and I was not able to ascertain whether the plug had been breached (too dangerous). The headframe that protects the entrance 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 surface water from leaving the adit area.

There is a barbed wire fence above the site along its perimeter. The headwall is still about 30 ft high at its peak height. The fence looked to be intact but I did not inspect it thoroughly.

Digital photos were taken of the site.
No GPS mapping was done.

MAINTENANCE ITEMS:

none

ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS TAKEN:

none

INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:

Michael W. Thompson

DATE:

9/7/01