



**STATE OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY  
CENTRAL REGIONAL OFFICE  
WATER COMPLIANCE INSPECTION REPORT**

substitute for OMB  
No. 2040-0057  
and EPA form 3560-3  
(Rev. 9-94)  
(last file update 12-95)

FACILITY NAME: LIBERTY MINING OLD TOWN MINE

FACILITY NUMBER: ST0009256

**SECTION 1: INSPECTION INFORMATION**

START DATE: JUNE 23, 2022

**INSPECTION TYPE (CHECK ONE):**

- COMPLIANCE INSPECTION W/O SAMPLING ☐
- COMPLIANCE INSPECTION W/ SAMPLING ☐
- COVERAGE INSPECTION ☒
- COMPLIANCE FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION ☐
- TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VIST ☐
- OPERATION & MAINTENANCE INSPECTION ☐

PRIMARY INSPECTOR MATTHEW DURKEE

PERMIT #

COMPLAINT #

LAB PROJECT #

ENFORCEMENT DOCKET #

Y/N:

**Scheduled**

Y

ANNOUNCED

PART OF A GROUP

**REASON FOR INSPECTION  
(CHECK ONE)**

**PARTICIPANTS**

**AGENCY**

**FAC. REP  
(Y/N)**

**PHONE #**

ROUTINE ☒

COMPLAINT ☐

DRIVE BY ☐

ENFORCEMENT ☐

QA ☐

BIO-MONITORING ☐

OTHER (SPECIFY) ☐

MATTHEW DURKEE

ECY

N

509-379-4384

MARK PETERSCHMIDT

ECY

N

509-731-7252

LINDSAY HUNSPERGER

ECY

N

509-208-1285

**SECTION 2: FACILITY INFORMATION**

**SECTION 3: AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION**

FACILITY: LIBERTY MINING OLD TOWN MINE

NAME: 1.5 MILES WEST OF LIBERTY

ADDRESS: NEAR HWY. 97 KITTITAS COUNTY

N = NOT EVALUATED, S = SATISFACTORY  
M = MARGINAL, U = UNSATISFACTORY

**DATE**

**TIME**

ENTRY 1 6/23/2022 1:50 PM

EXIT 1 6/23/2022 2:30 PM

ENTRY 2

EXIT 2

ENTRY 3

EXIT 3

**ENTRY TYPE  
(CHECK ONE)**

DENY ☐

DELAY ☐

WARRANT ☐

REGULAR ☒

INSPECT BENCH SHEETS

N/A

INSPECT PERMIT

N/A

RECORDS/REPORTS

N/A

FLOW MEASUREMENTS

N/A

LABORATORY

N/A

EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATER

N/A

PRE-TREATMENT

COMPLIANCE SCHEDULES

SELF MONITORING PROGRAM

OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

SLUDGE DISPOSAL

FACILITY SITE REVIEW

LAB ACCREDITATION

OTHER (SPECIFY)

**SECTION 4: SUMMARY OF FINDINGS / COMMENTS (ATTACH ADDITION PAGES IF NEEDED)**

THE LIBERTY MINING OLD TIME MINE STATE WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT HAS BEEN IN LIMBO STATUS. A TEMP PERMIT WAS ISSUED ON MAY 18, 2006 TO LIBERTY MINING AND EXPLORATION, LLC. ON DECEMBER 1, 2009, THE US FOREST SERVICE TRANSFERRED THE RECLAMATION LIABILITY FOR THE OLD TOWN MINE TO THE NEW OWNER, ALAN LEVINE, BUT THE TEMP PERMIT WAS NOT TRANSFERRED. THE TEMP PERMIT WAS REVOKED ON FEBRUARY 20, 2013 BECAUSE OF A FAILURE BY THE PERMITTEE TO PAY FEES BY LIBERTY MINING AND EXPLORATION, LLC. THE PERMIT WAS REACTIVATED IN PARIS IN ~2017, NOT COMPLETELY SURE WHY, BUT MAY HAVE BEEN SO IT COULD BE INVESTIGATED IF PERMIT COVERAGE WAS STILL NECESSARY OR NOT.

MR. LEVINE AND THE US FOREST SERVICE WERE CONTACTED PRIOR TO THIS COVERAGE INSPECTION. MR. LEVINE HAS BEEN INTERMITTENTLY WORKING WITH THE US FOREST SERVICE ON MEETING REQUIREMENTS TO REACTIVATE THE MINE. WHILE ON SITE, ECOLOGY ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT MR. LEVINE TO ASK QUESTIONS, BUT WERE UNABLE TO SPEAK WITH MR. LEVINE.

THE MINING FACILITY CONSISTED OF AN ABOVE GROUND QUARRY WITH A SERIES OF SMALL PONDS. THE OUTLET OF THE QUARRY BASIN FLOWS INTO WILLIAMS CREEK, ALTHOUGH THE ACCESS ROAD MAY LIMIT DISCHARGE. WILLIAMS CREEK IS LOCATED ~50 FEET FROM THE ACCESS ROAD THAT CONTINUES ON TO ANOTHER PROPERTY. THERE WASN'T ANY SURFACE FLOW OBSERVED REACHING WILLIAMS CREEK.

THE MINING BUILDINGS INCLUDING A TRAILER APPEARED ABANDONED AND FROZEN IN TIME, THE LAST USE APPEARED TO BE FROM THE PREVIOUS MINING CLAIM OWNERS PRIOR TO 2010.

ECOLOGY HAS ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT MR. LEVINE TO FIND OUT IF HE WOULD LIKE TO APPLY FOR PERMIT COVERAGE IF ANY ACTIVE MINING IS ANTICIPATED IN THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.



**SECTION 5: FOLLOW-UP (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

	TYPE	DETAIL	RESP. PERSON	SCHEDULE	DONE
<input type="checkbox"/>	CONDUCT CLASS II				
<input type="checkbox"/>	LAB ACCRED MANUAL				
<input type="checkbox"/>	RE-INSPECT				
<input type="checkbox"/>	RE-OPEN PERMIT				
<input type="checkbox"/>	SEND APPLICATION				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TECH ASSIST-REGULAR				
<input type="checkbox"/>	TECH ASSIST-OUTREACH				
<input type="checkbox"/>	MOD PERMIT AT RENEWAL				
<input type="checkbox"/>	FACILITY ACTION				
<input type="checkbox"/>	ENFORCEMENT (WARN LET				
<input type="checkbox"/>	NOV, ORDER, PENALTY)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER (SPECIFY)				

**SECTION 6: ACTIVITIES (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)**

	DESCRIPTION	DATE COMPLETED	TRACKING NUMBER
<input type="checkbox"/>	DATA RECEIVED FROM LAB		
<input type="checkbox"/>	DRAFT INSPECTION REPORT COMPLETED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	FINAL INSPECTION REPORT COMPLETED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	FINAL INSPECTION RPT RCD FROM EILS		
<input type="checkbox"/>	FORM 3506 SENT TO EPA		
<input type="checkbox"/>	INSPECTION REPORT REVIEWED		
<input type="checkbox"/>	SAMPLES TO LAB		
<input type="checkbox"/>	OTHER		

**SECTION 7: SIGNATURES**

	NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	DATE	AGENCY/PH#
INSPECTOR	MATTHEW DURKEE		4/20/2023	509-379-4384
REVIEWER	ERIK VAN DOREN		1/9/2024	509-571-0934



## Section 8. Appendix – Photographs



Mining pond and buildings.



Mine buildings.





Mine building.



Mining pond.