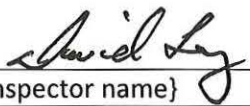


**Region 6 Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Division
INSPECTION REPORT**

Inspection Date(s):	07/18/2017		
Media:	Water		
Regulatory Program(s)	CWA 308[A][B]		
Company Name:	Farrell Cooper Mining Company		
Facility Name:	Liberty Mine #7		
Facility Physical Location:	20248 Airport Road		
(city, state, zip code)	Stigler, Oklahoma 74462		
Mailing address:	6001 South Zero Street		
(city, state, zip code)	Fort Smith, Arkansas 72903		
County/Parish:	Haskell County		
Facility Contact:	Thomas Gilbert	Environmental Analyst	
	tgilbert@farrellcooper.com		
FRS Number:	110041914596		
Identification/Permit Number:	OKG040041		
Media Number:	NA		
NAICS:	212111		
SIC:	1221		
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Supervisor Signature/Date	 {Supervisor name}		12/5/17 Date

Section I - INTRODUCTION

PURPOSE OF THE INSPECTION

A U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) compliance evaluation inspection was performed at the Farrell Cooper Mining Company facility, Liberty Mine #7, located at 20248 Airport Road in Stigler, Oklahoma 74462 on July 18, 2017. The inspection was conducted under the guidelines established by the USEPA under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for wastewater dischargers. This targeted site visit was performed as a part of the USEPA National Enforcement Initiative industrial inspection commitment and its' purpose was to inspect and review current operations as compared to their NPDES permit requirements. An entry briefing was conducted by EPA-Region 6 inspectors David Long, Amy Andrews, and Kent Sanborn at 12:50 p.m. The EPA inspectors were accompanied by Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality Inspector Jason Ma. The inspectors met with Thomas Gilbert, Environmental Analyst for Farrell Cooper Mining Company who was present throughout the inspection. During the entry briefing, the inspectors provided credentials and explained the purpose of the inspection.

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Liberty Mine #7 is a minor discharger that operates under NPDES Permit OKG0404111 with discharge limitations for the expected wastewater flows from sedimentation and storm water runoff ponds. The current permit was issued on December 1, 2013 and expires on October 31, 2018. Any discharge from the mine is to an unnamed tributary of Taloka Creek which is part of Segment Number 220300 of the Lower Arkansas River Basin. Liberty Mine #7 is expected to produce approximately 500 million tons of low sulfur or "power plant" coal during its' lifetime, however, at the time of the inspection, the mine had not been operating ("in cession") for the past five to seven years.

Section II - OBSERVATIONS

During the site tour, no equipment, chemical storage, nor active mining was observed. Mr. Gilbert indicated that the site had been mined in the past, but the mined areas, representing approximately 40% of the total mine acreage, had been refilled and reclaimed. Further, Mr. Gilbert stated that the mine would only be reopened when the appropriate buyer was available to purchase the coal. Despite the current lack of a buyer, the facility's discharge permit is maintained to allow rapid re-opening of the mine. Finally, while there is no active mining at this site, Farrell Cooper Mining Company does perform regular monitoring and report DMR data for any discharges at their outfalls.

Section III – AREAS OF CONCERN

At the conclusion of the inspection, the EPA inspector spoke with Mr. Gilbert for an exit interview at 1:15 p.m. on July 18, 2017. At that time, the inspectors provided details of the inspection and

responded to questions regarding operation of the facility noted during the inspection. No areas of concern were noted during the inspection.

The inspector exited the site at 1:30 p.m.

Section IV – FOLLOW UP

None required at this time

Section V – LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Photo Log

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Photo File Name: DSCN0018.JPG

Date of Photo: 07/18/2017

Time of Photo: 12:57 p.m.

Photographer: David Long

Description: Liberty mine area that has undergone site reclamation after removal of coal

