

# BF 389-101.1 Darmac 14 AMD Passive Treatment System

Project #: BF 389-101.1 (Primacy Bond Forfeiture)

Project Name: Darmac Coal, Inc. (Darmac 14)

Municipality: East Franklin Twp.

County: Armstrong County

USGS Quad: Kittanning

Site Lat./Long. 40° 49' 13" N 79° 33' 51" W

Problem Area: PA 2944 Whitesell School South

Feature Numbers: Possibly P1 & P3 portals that may have been sealed in 1965



# **Project Goal**

The goal of this project is to meet Bond Forfeiture program requirements along with increasing the pH and Alkalinity. The amount of metals will be decreased to help restore Glade Run for trout fishing.

# **Project Design Information**

The project engineers and designers were John Stefanko and Dick Brenneman. The construction engineer/ inspectors were Tom Malesky, Larry Mohney, and D. Eckenrode. PJ Shah and Mitch Smith were the O&M and / or water samplers. The project was completed on July 16, 1998 with the cost of the project totaling \$520,286.00. The system type is 300'x 20'x 8' ALD, 0.75 acre combination Settling Pond/Aerobic Wetland. U S Bureau of Mines recommendations of 80% (or greater) CaCO3 (3" to 4" dia.) limestone. USBM's criteria based on a 7-hour retention time, 20 –year life, and 150 gpm flow would be ~2,400 tons limestone, and a 0.75 acre aerobic wetland for iron removal. 2691 tons AASHTO No. 1 was installed.

#### Water Data Information

Raw Water Quality (Design): Net Alkaline Discharge

Design Flow Rate	150 gpm
Receiving Stream	UNT to Glade Run
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рН	6.3
Iron (total)	33 mg/l
Manganese (total)	24 mg/l
Aluminum (total)	0.1 mg/l
Alkalinity	210 mg/l
Net Acidity	-112 mg/l
Sulfate	650 mg/l



SIS Monitoring Point ID Alias: PC 11-1, PC 11-2, PC 11-3, PC 11-4, PC 11-5, PC 11-6, PC 11-7, PC 11-8, PC 11-9

## **Project Description (How Influent and Effluent are measured)**

- 1. Raw water enters (~300'LX20'WX8'D) ALD
- 2. Water exits ALD via ~270 LF 12" HDPE pipe
- 3. Water exits 12" HDPE trap & elevated pipe outlet
- 4. Pipe outlet enters ~190 LF R-4 rock-lined channel
- 5. Channel outlets into ~3' deep, ~ 280 foot long settling pond
- 6. Settling pond enters ~240 foot long shallow wetland through a R-5 rock filter "baffle"
- 7. Wetland outlets to rock-lined outlet via 18" HDPE pipe principal spillway
- 8. Wetland outlets to UNT to Glade Run ~180' from spillway

**9.** UNT outlets into Glade Run ~900' away from UNT. The 9 water sampling SIS monitoring Point Alias ID's are PC11-1 through PC 11-9

**10.** Flow must be bucket-measured at elevated 12" ALD outlet pipe and wetland outlet pipe due to lack of weirs. Water must be ladled out of ALD inlet cleanout pipe. There is no way to measure influent flow rate, but should be same as ALD outflow rate. BAMR CO sampled initially, then Cambria took over sampling.

# **OM&RHistory**

**08/13/1999:** Development Authority relocated stream & dug through the AMD discharge causing water to bypass the system. Clay seal was installed along the ALD to keep water in.

**05/19/2000:** BAMR Cambria memos BAMR CO that new discharge (PC11-9) is discovered, & sampling began immediately.

06/19/2002: A resident complained plugged spillway pipe causing pond to overtop and flood their yard.

**07/2002:** Property owner, Charles Crowe, threw BD Crew off property when cleaning pipe, causing an Administrative Order legal process to begin.

**04/14/2005:** Snyder Brothers, Inc. installed gas line over the ALD, but stated they did not excavate into the ALD & did not compromise the system.

04/29/2005: Administrative Order issued to Charles Crowe.

**05/26/2005:** BD crew repaired smashed spillway pipe and excavated emergency spillway 6" above spillway pipe. Water sampling was interrupted during the period that we had issues with Crowe.

**06/04/2008:** For a period after Jack Eury (previous sampler) retired no one was sampling. Mitch Smith took over sampling duties and 1st sampled on 06/04/2008.

## **Watershed Restoration Efforts & Partner Viability**

Arrowhead Chapter of Trout Unlimited. No information on other watershed restoration efforts.



## **Evaluation**

#### Evaluation Date: June 4, 2008

The evaluators were Dave Fromell, Steve Golembiewski, PJ Shah, and Mitch Smith. During the field review discussion Dave Fromell, Steve Golembiewski, PJ Shah, & Mitch Smith walked the site and inspected the system. Locations of all 9 sampling points were walked to show Mitch (who replaced Dale Eury) where to sample. Mitch's first round of sampling began the day of this inspection. Outflows were not bucket-tested due to flow volume (ALD outflow PC 11-6 est ~120 gpm) and lack of a bucket. The majority of wetland vegetation was dead, probably due to inundation when the outlet pipe was plugged for a long period of time until repairs could be made in 2005, however cattails were growing near the pond outlet. The R-5 rock baffle was not visible, which could mean that the water is still a bit too deep. The untreated discharge, PC 11-9, est ~60 gpm. The system is currently working well, and generally has been since it was constructed. Project goals to increase pH and Al-kalinity, & decrease metals loading were met. Glade Run water quality has improved, however another (new) discharge (PC 11-9), which remains untreated, still exists at the site. It is the evaluator's understanding that the District Mining Office is investigating treatment options for this new discharge (PC 11-9).





### **Recommendations**

No retrofit/repairs/modifications recommended at this time, as the system is still functioning as designed. However, future improvements, which could be undertaken by the BD Crew, include installing one weir, either at the outlet of the ALD, or the outlet of the Wetland, installing one or two "floating" baffles in the settling pond, & re-establishing wetland vegetation. These improvements could be undertaken when the pond needs cleaned.

## **Property Owner Information**

#### **Property Owner 1**

Charles H. Crowe, RR 3, Kittanning, PA 16201; phone # unlisted

#### Property Owner 2

Armstrong County Industrial Development Authority, 402 Market Street, Kittanning, PA 16201; 724-548-1500

Property Access Status: Perpetual access for maintenance written in Construction Easement Agreement. Administrative Order sent to Crowe 04/29/2005 due to him throwing the BD crew off his property July 2002. Since the Order was issued, no access issues have been experienced.



**From Kittanning:** Take Route 422 West toward Pittsburgh. Cross the Allegheny River and go past the interchange for Route 28. Take the exit that says "West Hills (Industrial Park)". Bear right onto North Park Drive off the exit ramp. Turn left onto Parkview Drive. Site is on the left side of Parkview Drive (across the road from the Veterinarian's office).

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