

**WARD COUNTY**

Planning Unit 104: AML Printout #607: T151N, R81W, Section 1  
Planning Unit 104: AML Printout #608: T151N, P81W, Section 1, E1/2  
Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #606: T152N, R81W, Section 28, NW

Additional Legal Location: T151N, R81W, Section 1 (no part section)  
T152N, R81W, Section 28 (no part section)

T151N, R81W, Section 2  
T152N, R81W, Section 27  
T152N, R81W, Section 34  
T152N, R81W, Section 35, SE and NW, NW

Name:

Owner:

Truax-Traer Coal (aka Lignite) Co. (1927-1961)      Truax-Traer Coal Co. (ca. 1927-ca. 1961)  
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (Div. of Consolidation Coal Co.) (1962-1969)      Consolidation Coal Co. (ca. 1962-present)  
Consolidation Coal Company (Wester Div.) (Velva Mine) (1970)  
Consolidation Coal Company (1971-1975)  
Velva Mine (1976-)

Category: Commercial/regional and local; Industrial/local

Type: Strip (surface)

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
30 ft.	15+ ft.	No data	Bureau of Mines:1948

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a mew mine in 1927; however, it is likely that the mine was put into operation around that time. The mine has been operated and reported continuously from 1927 through the present. The majority of coal produced at the mine has been sold regionally; however, beginning in about 1952, the majority of coal sold locally was sold for "use at [the) plant." This mine currently remains in operation. It is not known at which of the above listed legal locations the mine was first operated, nor is the order of expansion into other legal locations known.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

Bureau of Mines:1948(84) (reports information recorded in 1928)

Truax-Traer/Velva Mine (continued)

Notes:

It should be noted that no source that contained information about the Truax-Traer/Velva mine contained a part section in reference to T151N, R81W, Section 1. Therefore, Planning Unit 104, AML location 607 (T151N, R81W, Section 1) identifies this mine most closely. However, since no part section was noted in reference to the location of this mine in Section 1, it is possible that the mine was operated in Section 1, E1/2, which is identified by Planning Unit 104, AML location 608, and both Planning Unit/AML location numbers have been included with this mine. Additionally, no part section was noted in reference to T152N, R81W, Section 28; therefore, it is not known definitely that the location of this mine is identified by Planning Unit 103, AML location 606 (T152N, R81W, Section 28, NW), or whether the mine was situated in some other portion of Section 28.

The location of the Quist mine also is identified by Planning Unit 104, AML location 607; it is identified more specifically by Planning Unit 104, AML location 608.

The Faul Coal Mine also is located at Planning Unit 103, AML location 606.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953  
Bureau of Mines:1948(84)  
CMID:see table, next pages, for appropriate years  
NDPSC:1973(46)

Truax -Traer/Velva Mine Addendum (Kios and Schreiner 1984)

Information was noted in ND Dept. of Parks and Recreation (1975) that indicates that the Truax-Traer/Velva Mine was situated in a number of locations in addition to those listed on page Ward-1. Various of these locations also are included on the AML inventory of 616 sites, and various of them have been designated AML Priority Sites or Eligible Lands. Therefore, information about this mine has been copied onto green paper, and the additional legal locations, associated Planning Unit and AML numbers (where appropriate), and other mines correlated with the additional AML locations are listed below. The first location listed is from ND Dept. of Parks and Recreation (1975); Planning Unit and AML numbers and the AML locations are provided beneath the first location where appropriate and associated mines are listed beneath these.

152 82 11 NW

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #325: 152 82 11 NW

Turtle Gulch Mine  
Schmeichel Coal Mine  
Miller Mine

152 82 23 SE

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #342: 152 82 23 SE SE

West Side Coal Mine

152 82 24 SE and 152 82 24 NE SW

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #335: 152 82 24

Balding Coal Mine  
Quality Lignite Coal Co.  
P.H. Bechtold Mine  
Schoop/Hirschy Coal Mine  
C. Vix Coal Mine  
Albert Vix Coal Mine  
Schueler Coal Mine  
Schoenwald Coal Mine  
Shaw Bros. Coal Mine  
Bartoshivich Coal Mine

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #334: 152 82 24 S1/2

Balding Coal Mine  
Quality Lignite Co.  
C. Vix Coal Co.  
Schueler Coal Mine  
Schoenwald Coal Mine  
Shaw Bros. Coal Co.

Truax-Traer/Velva Mine (continued)

152 81 19 W1/2

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #338: 152 81 19

P & M Coal Mine  
Leeson Coal Mine  
Albert Vix Coal Mine

152 82 25 NW

Not included on AML inventory

152 81 30 NE

Planning Unit 103: AML Printout #341: 152 81 30 NE

Knorr Coal Mine  
Tree-Bosch Coal Mine

152 81 33 NE

Not included on AML inventory

152 81 35 "S1/2 NW" [NW S1/2 ?]

Not included on AML inventory

152 81 36 SW

Not included on AML inventory

Additional Source:

ND Dept. of Parks and Recreation:1975(Appendix D, 8.11)

**Ward-2b**

Mine: Truax-Traer Coal (aka Lignite) Co. (1927-1961)  
 Truax-Traer Coal Co. (Div. of Consolidation Coal Co.) (1962-1969)  
 Consolidation Coal Company (Western Div.) (Velva Mine) (1970)  
 Consolidation Coal Company (1971-1975)  
 Velva Mine (1976-)

Planning Unit: 104  
 AML Number: 607  
 Planning Unit: 104  
 AML Numbers 608  
 Planning Unit: 103  
 AML Number: 609

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1927	23	no data	1.79	17,557	160	17,397	E.M. Truax**
1928	308	65	1.71	239,020	4,533	234,487	J.A. Rist**
1929	318	65	1.80	286,690	896	285,794	E.M. Truax**
1930	300	70	1.75	324,905	2,700	322,205	A.J. Rist**
1931t	310	100	1.19	246,448	5,740	240,708	J.A. Rist**
1932	313	50	1.11	232,548	785	231,763	Ben Dollarhide**
1933	no report						
1934	no report						
1935	177	90					
1936	225	112	1.18	267,432	1,167	266,265	J.A. Rist**
1937	216	81	1.13	247,457	905	246,552	J.A. Rist**
1938	216	73	1.12+	339,328.95	2,214.75	337,114.2	J.A. Rist**
1939	236	77	1.15+	338,248+	1,560+	336,688	J.A. Rist**
1940	234	116	1.14+	347,815	3,924	343,891	J.A. Rist**
1941	238	94	1.12+	340,123	4,681	335,442	J.A. Rist**
1942	256	118	1.12	355,986	442	355,544	Art Rist**
1943	277	144	1.20+	367,453	8,022	359,431	J.A. Rist**
1944	276	134	1.34+	491,326	1,552	489,774	J.A. Rist**
1945	269	132	1.36+	546,170	3,825	543,170	J.A. Rist**
1946	269	136	1.39+	497,369	2,255	495,114	J.A. Rist**
1947	267	75	1.48+	469,422	2,858	466,564	J.A. Rist**
1948	253	92	1.65+	497,040+	3,384+	496,756+	J.A. Rist**
1949	244	77	2.03+	440,059+	1,047+	438,663+	J.A. Rist**
1950	214	56	2.44	352,360+	7,104+	343,342+	J.A. Rist**
1951	179	67	2.38	432,516+	7,620+	421,657+	James Rist**
1952t	212	83	2.39	409,807+	7,647+	408,390+	James A. Rist**
1953t	185	68	2.34	442,734+	42,018+	399,534+	James Rist**
1954t	198	60	2.30	465,663+	137,595+	327,314+	James A. Rist**
1955t	180	55	2.28	427,478+	140,055+	289,268+	James. A. Rist**
1956t	170	58	2.26	474,781+	185,006+	288,966+	James A. Rist**
			2.29	473,635	183,914+	288,624	James A. Rist**
1957t	157	43	2.30	421,130	103,008	317,498	James Rist**
1958t	146	33	2.33	355,878	121,950	233,393	J.A. Rist**
1959t	169	40	2.28	402,425	136,885	263,762	Arnold M. Sandberg**
1960t	186	30	2.30	414,899	168,402	245,983	Arnold M. Sandberg**
1961t	176	35	2.23	435,368	182,545	254,125	Arnold Sandberg**

Truax-Traer/Velva Coal Mine (continued)

Days		Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
Year	Operated						
1962	222	48	2.21	527,931	256,922	271,131	A.M. Sandberg**
1962/64	420	49	2.17	865,081	416,664	449,476	A.M. Sandberg**
1965	222	44	2.21	483,806	224,105	256,343	A.M. Sandberg**
1966	148	36	2.20+	269,810	56,289	213,367	A.M. Sandberg**
1967	152	35	2.26	286,032	63,224	224,608	Leroy M. Olson**
1968	143	30	2.26	261,240	51,868	206,049	Leroy M. Olson**
1969	no data	29	no data	272,077	no data	no data	Leroy M. Olson**
1970	no data	31	no data	315,837	no data	no data	Leroy M. Olson**
1971	no data	49	no data	410,400	no data	no data	Theodore Hanks**
1972	no data	39	no data	392,615	no data	no data	Ron Ziegler**
1974	no data	33	no data	567,351	no data	no data	Mike Clark**
1975	no data	37	no data	339,417	no data	no data	Mike Clark**
1976	no data	no data	no data	419,522	no data	no data	Consolidation Coaltt
1977	no data	no data	no data	341,938	no data	no data	Consolidation Coaltt
1978	no data	no data	no data	313,154	no data	no data	Consolidationtt
1979	no data	no data	no data	286,578	no data	no data	Consolidationtt
1980	no data	no data	no data	335,361	no data	no data	Consolidationtt
1981	no data	no data	no data	271,401	no data	no data	Consolidationtt

\*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.

\*\*Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.

t Majority of coal sold locally was used at plant.

tt Group was operator of the mine; owner not listed.