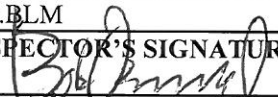




**COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY**  
**MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**  
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Swede Corners Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1988-087	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Saguache
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Bob Oswald	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> December 18, 2013	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Southway Construction Company, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$11,270.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> U.S.BLM	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> December 31, 2013

**GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS**

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. No problems or possible violations were noted during the inspection. The mine operation was found to be in full compliance with Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials and/or for Hard Rock, Metal and Designated Mining Operations. Any person engaged in any mining operation shall notify the office of any failure or imminent failure, as soon as reasonably practicable after such person has knowledge of such condition or of any impoundment, embankment, or slope that poses a reasonable potential for danger to any persons or property or to the environment; or any environmental protection facility designed to contain or control chemicals or waste which are acid or toxic-forming, as identified in the permit.

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>NA</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(SB) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>NA</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>

Y = Inspected and found in compliance / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted by the Division in response to a document submitted by the operator stating that reclamation is finished and requesting that the permit be released. The submittal was not complete and no formal timeframes were begun, but the Division inspected the site since it will become harder to inspect as winter progresses.

The site was not active and the operator was not present at the time of the inspection. There was a cover of about 3 inches of old snow on the site, which did not prevent inspecting the surface grading and revegetation. The permit boundary markers were still present, and adequate to demonstrate that all disturbance was within the boundary. The two-track trail leading from the public road to the stockpile area and the pit was faint but still present. Access to the site was gained on foot.

The pit has been completely graded to meet reclamation slope requirements, and all topsoil has been respread on the disturbed surfaces. There are no erosional features on the slopes. There is still a faint two-track around the crest of the pit area, which is becoming revegetated. There is a small amount of gravel remaining in the stockpile area, but being less than 5 cu yds it is negligible and may remain.

The entire site exhibits a healthy stand of seeded rangeland vegetation, which in the Division's opinion, is well established, is equal to the surrounding rangeland, and meets the requirements of the reclamation plan. Species observed include bluegrama, saltbush, rabbitbrush, and minor amounts of Russian thistle. Evidence of any remnant noxious weeds, especially black henbane, was not found. It is believed by the Division that the operator's efforts to monitor and treat the weeds during the past few years have been effective. The Division is of the opinion that the operator has fulfilled all of the reclamation requirements and the site will be eligible for release.

These observations will be shared with the Saguache BLM office. At this time the Division is waiting for additional information from the operator so that the release request becomes complete; at this time the Division cannot act on the request.

For questions related to this report, please contact this inspector at the Division's Durango Field Office:  
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