



**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> Airport Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-567	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Saguache
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Bob Oswald	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 24, 2014	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 13:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Saguache County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Elvie Samora	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> Local Government
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> <i>Bob Oswald</i>	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 9, 2014

**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>NA</u>	(RD) ROADS-----	<u>NA</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>Y</u>		(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE-----	<u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION----	<u>NA</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>Y</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 was a routine inspection conducted by the Division as part of its monitoring of Construction Materials 110c permits. The operator named on page one was present throughout the inspection. The site was not active on the day of the inspection.

The permit ID sign was observed on the ground near the entrance gate to the permitted area, possibly having been knocked down by cattle. Posting the permit ID sign is a requirement, per Rule 3.1.12, so the operator must re-install it soon. Please ensure the ID sign contains all the required information, by referring to the rule cited above. Permit boundary markers, consisting of fencelines, were present along the south and east permit boundaries. The NW corner used to be marked by a steel T-post. The operator should ensure that this corner marker is re-installed in the correct location.

There has been very little recent activity, mostly limited to removal of stockpiled pitrun. There are several small existing stockpiles in the pit. The operator is reminded to include all site activities in the annual reports each year, including stockpiling, processing, excavation, hauling, reclamation, and weed control. There was some slope grading in the past on the south and east walls of the pit, and the resspreading of topsoil there. The other pit walls are mostly steeper than what is required in the approved reclamation plan, and will require grading to reduce them to the final gradient. The plan calls for 3:1 slopes on the west, south and east sides, and 5:1 on the north side.

The site is accessible to cattle (presumably the landowner's livestock). The landowner feeds cattle in the area lying to the west of the pit. The operator is reminded that when any phases of revegetation are to be carried out as part of the final reclamation on this permit, the operator must ensure that the seeded areas are fenced to exclude livestock, at least for the period needed to establish the vegetation.

There was no equipment, fuel, or debris on the site. There were no noxious weeds.

For questions related to this report, please contact this inspector at the Division's Durango Field Office: telephone 970-247-5193, or 303-866-3567 ext 8175.

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