

# 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.

MINE NAME:	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
Sievers Pit	M-1977-098	Sand and gravel	Garfield
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Monitoring	Stephanie J. Mitchell	March 11, 2015	10:00
OPERATOR:	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Compar	Jason Burkey	112c - Construction Regular Operation	
County			
REASON FOR INSPECTION:	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Normal I&E Program	Complete Bond	\$295,172.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
NA	None	None	
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:	
Clear	COMMETANOOD	July 8, 2015	

#### **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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY Y	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING N	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES N	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- Y	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION Y
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN N	(SB) COMPLETE INSP N
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE N	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION $\underline{Y}$	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS N		

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

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#### **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. Jason Burkey representing the Operator, was present during this inspection. Photographs are included at the end of this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed during this inspection.

The Sievers Pit is located approximately 7.5 miles southeast of Glenwood Springs and accessed from CR 109. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 122.9 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$249,035.00 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs for this site in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan. The Operator will be notified if the Division determines that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site. The affected area was adequately marked with fencing. The Southeast permit boundary was protected by a berm.

Mining was taking place during this inspection. Materials stockpiles were located at various locations throughout the pit floor. An office and scale had been constructed near the west permit boundary, and a shop area had been constructed in the northwest corner of the permit area. An asphalt access road leads from the shop area to the office/scale area, and to the pit entrance south of the office. An asphalt plant was located in the northeast part of the permit area. A portable crusher was on site. The C area has not been mined, but will be to the south in 2-3 years.

Slopes along the west, north and east pit perimeter had been graded to 3H:1V or less and vegetated. The active highwall, approximately 20 feet high or less, was located at the south side of the pit. There was a water stroage tank for dust suppression

Noxious weeds were not observed onsite. The Operator stated that they were working with Steve Anthony with Garfield County on weed management.

Topsoil stockpiles are protected with adequate vegetation. Fuel containers observed on site were stored in adequate secondary containment structures.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Stephanie Mitchell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone number (970) 242-5025.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Mine Identification Sign



Highwall



Topsoil stockpile well vegetated



Portable Crusher



Southeast perimeter protected by berm











Fuel Storage

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