

## 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.

REASON FOR INSPECTION:	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
American Gypsum Company LLC	Brian Bloess	112c - Construction Regular Operation	
OPERATOR:	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Monitoring	Travis H. Marshall	September 9, 2015	11:00
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Eagle-Gypsum Mine	M-1984-041	Anhydrite, gypsum	Eagle
MINE NAME:	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:

REASON FOR INSPECTION:	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:
Normal I&E Program	Complete Bond	\$1,429,700.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:
NA	U.S.BLM	U.S.BLM
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE.	SIGNATURE DATE:
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## **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 Y	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING NA	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES Y	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- Y	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE $\underline{Y}$	(RV) REVEGETATION Y
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>Y</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN Y	(CI) COMPLETE INSP Y
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION Y	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS NA	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS NA

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 as part of the routine monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS). The Eagle-Gypsum Mine is a 112c permitted site consisting of 830 acres located approximately 1.5 miles north of Gypsum, Colorado. Brian Bloess of American Gypsum Company LLC and Pauline Adams with the BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office were both present during the inspection.

The mine identification sign was in place and in compliance with rule 3.1.12. The sign is posted on the gate located at the main entrance to the mine.

Active mining was observed in northeast section of the permit area. Large stockpiles of gypsum along with stockpiles of overburden were observed at various locations within the active mine area. Haul trucks, loaders and rotor-mills were observed working the mine floor.

Reclamation observed during the inspection was located on the slopes located north of the active mining area. The slopes are reclaimed and appear to be no steeper than 3H:1V. The vegetation observed included desirable established annual grass species along with slash placed perpendicular to the dip of the slope. Due to adequate vegetation and correctly placed woody debris the reclaimed slopes were void of any significant erosional features.

Two significant stormwater control features were observed near the entrance of the mine site near Trail Gulch Road. Evidence of recent maintenance was observed in the form of deeply excavated pits located on both the north and south sides of the hauls road. The sumps/pits appear to effectively controlling stormwater runoff. The pits also appear to allow sediment to settle out of the stormwater prior to exiting the pits.

A reclamation cost estimate for the site was performed as part of this inspection and the currently held reclamation bond in the amount of \$1,429,700.00 exceeds the estimated \$946,209.40 cost to reclaim the current disturbance.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

No problems or violations were noted or observed during the September 9, 2015 inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Travis Marshall at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone no. 970-241-2042.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**





PERMIT #: M-1984-041 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: THM INSPECTION DATE: September 9, 2015





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