




**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> Craig Ranch Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1986-002	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Mesa
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Stephanie J. Mitchell	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> October 28, 2015	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 14:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Compai County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jason Burkey	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$218,342.80
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> November 20, 2015

**The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.**

**INSPECTION TOPIC:** Signs & Markers

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road with the following: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 12/21/15

### **OBSERVATIONS**

This was a normal monitoring inspection of the Juniper Craig Ranch Pit; DRMS file No. M-1986-002 operated by Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County. This is a 153.04 acre 112c mining operation located approximately 1 miles southwest of Whitewater, Colorado in Mesa County. I, Stephanie Mitchell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection. Mr. Jason Burkey accompanied me on the inspection.

The Mine Identification sign was not at the entrance to the mine site in compliance per Rule 3.1.12 (2). This is cited as a problem at the beginning of this inspection report.

The current disturbance is located in the northern portion of the permit area and is approximately 14 acres in size, and moving to the west. The excavation is about 25 feet deep with a vertical highwall with an eastern The highwall appears to be in the center of the permit area. Topsoil has been stripped and is stockpiled as a berm along the northern part of the permit boundary of the site and is stabilized with vegetative cover. No erosion or sedimentation issues were observed.

There was some water present on the site, but was from a recent rain event. It appeared that it would not be retained for more than 72 hours.

There was no equipment or fuel on site.

The site has been inactive for almost a year. The Division encourages the Operator to seek a Temporary Cessation Status per Rule 1.13.2. If an Operator is not working at the site for one hundred eighty (180) consecutive days that is an indication that the site should be in TC.

All other activities and completed work at the time of inspection appeared to follow the guidelines and regulations set forth by the state and in the mining and reclamation plans for the pit.

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**









## GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>Y</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>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>PB</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>

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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