

# 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:
Cresson Project	M-1980-244	Gold	Teller
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Aerial Inspection	Timothy A. Cazier	September 30, 2015	09:10
OPERATOR:	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERAT	TION:
Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company	None	112d-3 - Designated	Mining Operation

REASON FOR INSPECTION:	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:
Normal I&E Program	None	\$173,434,420.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:
NA	None	None
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:
Cloudy	1 km	November 30, 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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>Y</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES NA	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- Y	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION N
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>N</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN N	(CI) COMPLETE INSP N
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION N	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP N
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>Y</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>

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

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

This was an aerial photo inspection of the Cresson Project conducted by Tim Cazier of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) based on aerial photographs taken by the Division. No operator was present during the inspection. The site is a 112d-3 gold mine located between Cripple Creek and Victor in Teller County.

The aerial photos were taken on September 30, 2015. The primary purpose of the inspection was to follow up on the effectiveness of the mine's plan to reduce solution ponding on the AGVLF. The Division expects to perform aerial inspections quarterly.

The following table summarizes the attached photos:

Photo ID	Mine Facility	Perspective	Notes		
Photo 1	Wildhorse Extension Pit	Looking SW	9 benches and pit floor,		
	(WHEX)		SGOSA beyond		
Photo 2	Arequa Gulch VLF (note ripped	Looking	ADR on left		
	areas)	west			
Photo 3	East Cresson OSA (ECOSA)	Looking NW	WHEX pit beyond		
Photo 4	South Cresson	Looking NE	Note stemming material		
			stockpile in pit. Main Cresson		
			pit in upper left.		
Photo 5	Main Cresson Pit	Looking NE	Crusher in foreground		
Photo 6	Arequa Gulch VLF	Looking	Crusher in center left		
		SSW			
Photo 7	New growth medium stockpile	Looking SW	Growth medium stockpile #34		
	#34 and Squaw Gulch VLF		on right		
Photo 8	Squaw Gulch OSA (in	Looking NE	WHEX pit beyond. Ironclad		
	foreground)		facilities in center right		
Photo 9	Squaw Gulch VLF (SGVLF)	Looking	Completed PSSA with		
		south	potentially impacted water		
			and fill in riser area		
Acronymes					

Acronyms:

PSSA - Pregnant Solution Storage Area

OSA – overburden storage area

VLF – valley leach facility

Some AGVLF areas show sign of the re-ripping mitigation effort (see **Photo 2**). The Division will inspect the AGVLF during the next inspection.

#### **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1. Wildhorse Extension Pit (Looking SW).

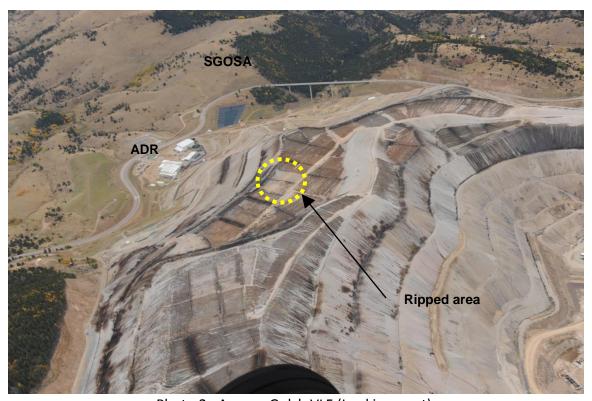


Photo 2. Arequa Gulch VLF (Looking west).



Photo 3. East Cresson OSAs (looking NW).



Photo 4. South Cresson (looking NE).



Photo 5. Main Cresson Pit (looking NW).



Photo 6. Arequa Gulch VLF (looking SSW).

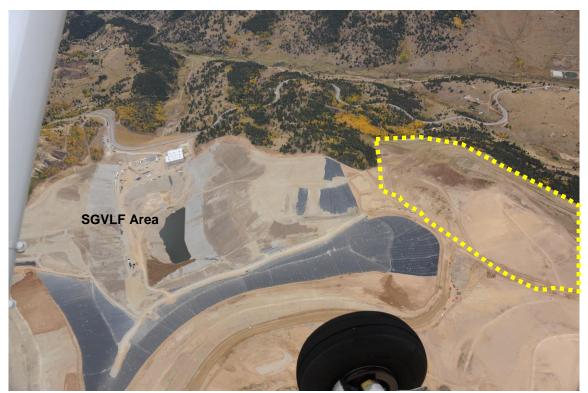


Photo 7. New growth medium stockpile #34 (looking SW).



Photo 8. Squaw Gulch OSA (Looking NE).

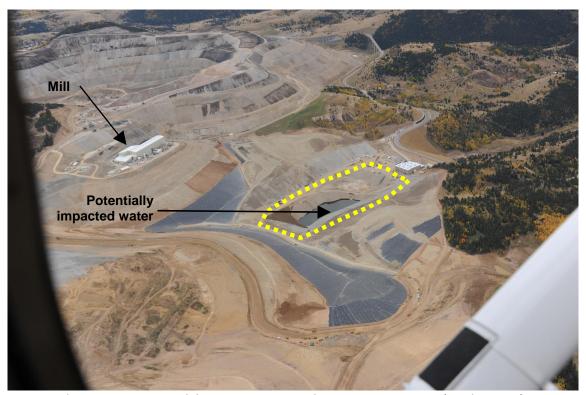


Photo 9. Squaw Gulch VLF Pregnant Solution Storage Area (Looking NE).

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