




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: Butcher Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1995-060	MINERAL: Sand	COUNTY: Alamosa
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Stephanie J. Mitchell	INSP. DATE: November 17, 2015	INSP. TIME: 13:50
OPERATOR: Southway Construction Company, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$61,370.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: December 9, 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: Backfilling & Grading

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Division recommends the Operator file for Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5 year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the pit was active. If that date is more than 5 years ago, the operator is required ask the Board for a 5 year extension to the Temporary Cessation period (per rule 1.13.5 (3) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 2/09/16

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The affected area boundary markers are missing or incorrectly placed. This is a problem for failure to maintain boundary markers around the affected area as required by Section 3.1.12(2) of the rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall conduct a survey and replace the boundary markers in the correct location(s). The operator shall provide proof to the Division that this has been done by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 2/09/16

OBSERVATIONS

This was a normal monitoring inspection of the Butcher Pit; DRMS file No. M-1995-060 operated by Southway Construction Company, Inc. This is a 40 acre 112c mining operation located approximately 1/2 mile southwest of Alamosa, Colorado in Alamosa County. I, Stephanie Mitchell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection. No one representing the Operator was able to accompany me on the inspection.

The Mine Identification sign was located at the entrance to the mine site. The affected area boundary markers were missing at the time of inspection. This is a problem for failure to maintain boundary markers around the affected area as required by Section 3.1.12(2) of the rule. The operator shall conduct a survey and replace the boundary markers in the correct location(s). The operator shall provide proof to the Division that this has been done by the corrective action date. **This is cited as a problem at the beginning of the inspection report.**

The current disturbance is located in the eastern portion of the permit area and is approximately 9 acres in size, and moving to the west. The excavation is about 10-15 feet deep with a vertical highwall. The highwall appears to be in the center of the permit area. Topsoil has been stripped and is stockpiled as a berm along the southern 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 years. Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office. The Division recommends the Operator file for Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5 year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the pit was active. If that date is more than 5 years ago, the operator is required ask the Board for a 5 year extension to the Temporary Cessation period (per rule 1.13.5 (3) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation. **This is cited as a problem at the beginning of the inspection report.**

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



Mine ID Sign



Haul Road



Current Disturbance ~9 acres

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>PB</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</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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