

# 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:
Craig Pit	M-1976-027	Sand and gravel	La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Monitoring	Lucas J. West	November 30, 2015	15:00
OPERATOR:	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Skanska USA Civil West Rocky Mountain Di	Joe Schluter, Miles Sturdevant	112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION:	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:
Normal I&E Program	None	\$158,692.74
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:
NA	None	None
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:
Clear	1/2/2	December 21, 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 N	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING N	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES N	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- Y	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE N	(RV) REVEGETATION N
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>Y</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN N	(CI) COMPLETE INSP Y
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE N	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION $\underline{Y}$	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP N
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS N	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS N

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 done as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for permitted operations. The Craig pit is listed as an active 112c Operation located near Durango, CO. The site is accessed by Highway 550, south of Durango and consists of 19.9 permitted acres. The site was not active during the inspection, and hasn't been in some time, the Operator has indicated that final reclamation will commence during the first week of January 2016. The Division currently holds \$158,692.74 in financial warranty for the site. Three Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

The proper mine ID sign was observed at the entrance to the site, shown in Photo One. Access to the site is restricted by a locked gate, and the boundaries are marked by large earthen berms that also serve as a visual barrier to the site. All disturbances are contained within the permit boundaries. The site consists of a large semi flat area that was previously mined, and is not storage for stockpiles. Several stockpiles were observed including some screened material, natural fines, overburden and topsoil. The natural fines and pitrun stockpiles are shown in Photo Two. All stockpiles were stable and in good condition. The site is well vegetated with native grasses and shrubs, all of which are volunteers as no seeding has taken place on site yet.

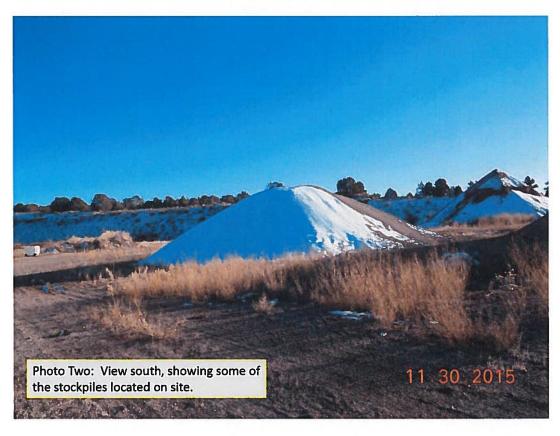
The main pit area is located towards the southeastern corner of the site, shown in Photo Three. When the site was active it consisted of highwall operations isolated in that area. The slopes of the highwall are approximately 1.5:1 and are stable. No erosional issues were observed during this inspection. The main pit floor area is also well vegetated with grasses and shrubs, a small stockpile of material is located in the center of the pit floor.

The Operator indicated that they will be entering final reclamation around the first week of 2016 with the intention of completing the earthwork in time for a winter seeding. The area will be reclaimed to support the post mining land use of pastureland. The Division is awaiting a technical revision to the permit to slightly alter the final grading scheme of the pit, as well as a gravel area requested by the landowner to allow for feeding cattle when the site is muddy. The overall footprint of the site was in good condition and free from trash and debris. No erosional issues or noxious weeds were observed during this inspection. No problems or possible violations were found at this time.

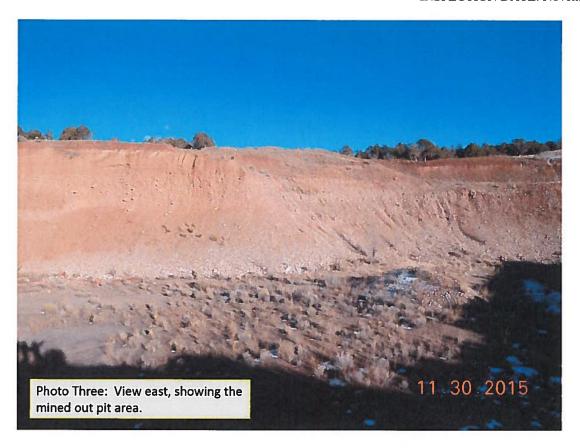
All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203 or by phone at (970)-243-6368.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**





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Enclosure

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