

# 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	December 28, 2015	16:25
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:
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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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING N	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES $\underline{Y}$	(TS) TOPSOIL $\underline{Y}$
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- Y	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE $\underline{N}$	(RV) REVEGETATION N
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>N</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>Y</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP N
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION N	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP N
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS N	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS N

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

#### **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 December 28, 2015. The purpose of the inspection was to provide the Division a broad perspective that cannot be obtained from the ground and to document changes in areas of the mine experiencing rapid change. 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	10 benches and pit floor,
	(WHEX)		Ironclad facilities beyond
Photo 2	High Grade Mill (note stained	Looking	SGVLF DCF placement in
	area outside berm)	east	foreground
Photo 3	East Cresson OSA (ECOSA)	Looking SE	Grassy Valley in upper left
Photo 4	South Cresson	Looking SW	AGVLF beyond
Photo 5	Main Cresson Pit	Looking	Note backfill in center
		east	
Photo 6	Arequa Gulch VLF	Looking NE	ADR-1 & PSES in center
			foreground
Photo 7	Phase 1 Stormwater Pond	Looking	South end of Growth medium
	EMP-008c and New growth	east	stockpile #34 on left, pond in
	medium stockpile #34		center
Photo 8	Squaw Gulch OSA	Looking	Contractor laydown area in
		east	foreground
Photo 9	Squaw Gulch VLF (SGVLF) –	Looking NE	High Grade Mill on right, SG
	note PSSA filling in center		ADR in foreground
Photo 10	Phase 2 Stormwater Pond	Looking NE	North end of Growth medium
	EMP-008b and New growth		stockpile #34 center
	medium stockpile #34		foreground, pond in center
Acronyms:		PSSA – Pregnant Solution Storage Area	
ADR – Adsorption/desorption Recovery		OSA – overburden storage area	
PSES – Process Solution Enhancement System		VLF – valley leach facility	

The observed staining outside the High Grade Mil berm needs to be checked on the ground (see **Photo 2**). The Division will inspect the channel during the next inspection

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1. Wildhorse Extension Pit (Looking SW).

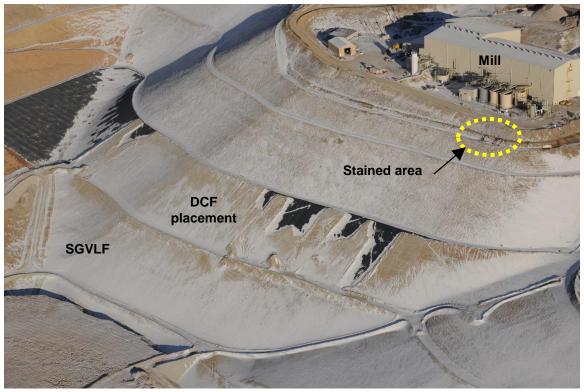


Photo 2. High Grade Mill (Looking east).



Photo 3. East Cresson OSAs (looking SE).

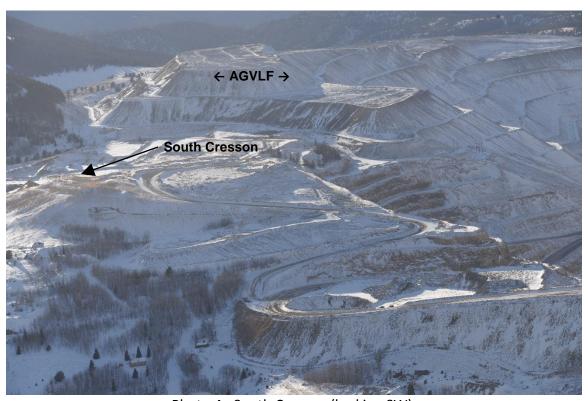


Photo 4. South Cresson (looking SW).

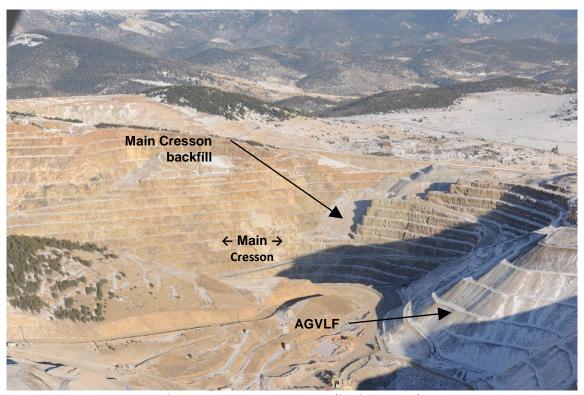


Photo 5. Main Cresson Pit (looking east).



Photo 6. Arequa Gulch VLF (looking east).



Photo 7. Phase 1/EMP-008c Pond & New growth medium stockpile #34 (looking east).



Photo 8. Squaw Gulch OSA (Looking east).



Photo 9. Squaw Gulch VLF - note PSSA filling in center (Looking NE).



Photo 10. Phase 2/EMP-008b Pond & New growth medium stockpile #34 (looking NE).

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