




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: Prather Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-136	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Rio Blanco
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Travis H. Marshall	INSP. DATE: March 16, 2016	INSP. TIME: 09:00
OPERATOR: Rio Blanco County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Clint Chapel	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: NA
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Snowing	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: March 28, 2016

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-----	<u>NA</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>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES-----	<u>Y</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>Y</u>	(SW) STORM WATER MGT PLAN----	<u>Y</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP----	<u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE-----	<u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION---	<u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP--	<u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS-----	<u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE-----	<u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS-----	<u>NA</u>

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 conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Richard Bachman Pit is located 5.5 miles southeast of Meeker, Colorado off of RBC Road No. 8. The site is a 112c operation. Clint Chappell representing Rio Blanco County accompanied the inspector during the inspection.

The mine identification sign and the affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with rule 3.1.12. The sign is located on a post at the main entrance of the gravel mine. The permit boundaries are comprised of fence posts that are easily identifiable around the entire perimeter of the mine.

The mine is active, however, due to the snow cover that existed no mining activities were observed during the inspection. Various stockpiles of material were observed on the pit floor. The majority of the permit area appeared to be disturbed.

The site was covered with approximately 1-2 inches of snow during the inspection therefore evaluation of revegetative success was not possible during the inspection. Topsoil stock piles were observed at the top and adjacent to the east slope of the permit area.

The operator stated that there was a plan to expand the permit acreage in the near future. The operator is aware that an amendment must be submitted and approved prior to increasing mining related disturbance outside of the currently approved permit area.

No evidence of erosion or off site damage was observed during the inspection.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

No problems or violations were noted or observed during the March 16, 2016 inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Travis Marshall at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone no. 970-241-2042.

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