




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: Piceance Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2001-077	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Rio Blanco
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Travis H. Marshall	INSP. DATE: March 16, 2016	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Rio Blanco County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Clint Chappell	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	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 Piceance Pit is located approximately 17 miles west of Meeker, Colorado off of Piceance Creek Road. The site is a 112c operation with 34.13 permitted acres. Clint Chappell with Rio Blanco County Road and Bridge Department 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 at the main entrance on the south side of the gravel mine. The permit boundaries are comprised of a fence that is easily identifiable around the entire perimeter of the mine.

The pit is currently active but no equipment was observed working in the permit area. Various stockpiles of construction materials were observed at various location of the process area. The area that has been excavated was full of water during the inspection. It did not appear that the pit slopes had been regrade to the final configuration which requires slopes to be no steeper than 3H:1V.

No significant infestations of noxious or other problematic weeds were observed at any of the areas visited during the inspection.

No problems or violations were observed during the inspection.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the March 16, 2016 inspection are included at the end of this report.

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.

PHOTOGRAPHS





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