




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: Weaselskin	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1986-148	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas J. West	INSP. DATE: September 15, 2016	INSP. TIME: 13:00
OPERATOR: Weaselskin Corp.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$8,215.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 29, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</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

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Weaselskin Pit is an active 110(c) permit located in La Plata County. The site consists of 5 permitted acres located just south of Highway 550 just south of Durango, CO at approximately 6670 Feet in elevation. Three Photos accompany this report to illustrate current site conditions.

The Division currently holds \$8,215.00 in financial warranty for the site. The financial warranty was recalculated at this time and due to the fact approximately 95% of the reclamation has been completed the existing financial warranty is considered sufficient to achieve final reclamation. Discussions with the operator also indicate that the material stockpiled within the permit boundaries are will remain, post reclamation, for use on the ranch roads. In order to incorporate this change to the permit, the operator must submit a Technical Revision outlining which material will remain on site post reclamation and its location. Enclosed with this report is the Request for a Technical Revision cover sheet. The operator shall submit the completed form, a narrative describing the stockpiles to be left and the associated fee within 60 days of the date of this report. The request for a technical revision must be received by the Division's Denver Office no later than **Monday November 28, 2016.**

The site was not active during the inspection, and no equipment was observed on site. The proper mine identification signage was observed on site, and shown in Photo One. Several small stockpiles were observed outside of the pit area, which are intended to be left, for post reclamation use on the property. All of the grading and earthwork has been completed around the pit area. Photos Two and Three show the sloping of the pit area. The pit itself is to be reclaimed to a post mining land use of a stock pond. All earthwork appears to be stable and good condition. While most of the area that will be above the water line when the pond is filled is vegetated, it is with non-reclamation species including large populations of Kochia and Russian thistle. Further discussions with the operator indicate that it is their intention to complete final reclamation and release of the permit in the near future. After discussions with the operator occurred Division staff has determined that in order to achieve this, the site would require reseeding and weed management to allow the reclamation species to become established. Once the vegetation in the approved seed mix is established the operator could then apply for final release of the permit.

The overall footprint of the site was in good condition and free from trash and debris. The site appeared to be stable, with no erosional issues noted. No state listed noxious weeds were observed on site. No problems or possible violations were cited during this inspection. All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by phone at (970)-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: the Proper Mine ID sign is located near the entrance to the site.



Photo Two: View northeast showing most of the pit area. The sloping appears to be stable but the vegetation is sparse and lacks reclamation species.



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Enclosure: Request for a Technical Revision Cover Sheet

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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL REVISION (TR) COVER SHEET

File No.: M- _____ Site Name: _____

County _____ TR# _____ (DRMS Use only)

Permittee: _____

Operator (If Other than Permittee): _____

Permittee Representative: _____

Please provide a brief description of the proposed revision: _____

As defined by the Minerals Rules, a Technical Revision (TR) is: “a change in the permit or application which does not have more than a minor effect upon the approved or proposed Reclamation or Environmental Protection Plan.” The Division is charged with determining if the revision as submitted meets this definition. If the Division determines that the proposed revision is beyond the scope of a TR, the Division may require the submittal of a permit amendment to make the required or desired changes to the permit.

The request for a TR is not considered “filed for review” until the appropriate fee is received by the Division (as listed below by permit type). Please submit the appropriate fee with your request to expedite the review process. After the TR is submitted with the appropriate fee, the Division will determine if it is approvable within 30 days. If the Division requires additional information to approve a TR, you will be notified of specific deficiencies that will need to be addressed. If at the end of the 30 day review period there are still outstanding deficiencies, the Division must deny the TR unless the permittee requests additional time, in writing, to provide the required information.

There is no pre-defined format for the submittal of a TR; however, it is up to the permittee to provide sufficient information to the Division to approve the TR request, including updated mining and reclamation plan maps that accurately depict the changes proposed in the requested TR.

Required Fees for Technical Revision by Permit Type - Please mark the correct fee and submit it with your request for a Technical Revision.

<u>Permit Type</u>	<u>Required TR Fee</u>	<u>Submitted</u> (mark only one)
110c, 111, 112 construction materials, and 112 quarries	\$216	<input type="checkbox"/>
112 hard rock (not DMO)	\$175	<input type="checkbox"/>
110d, 112d(1, 2 or 3)	\$1006	<input type="checkbox"/>