

**COLORADO Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety** Department of Natural Resources

## MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:
Fedinec Pit	M-1977-057	Crushed stone materi	Moffat
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Monitoring	Amy C. Yeldell	March 16, 2017	14:00
OPERATOR:	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Pioneer Sand Company, Inc.	Angela Bellantoni	110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Preoperation Inspection	None	\$19,300.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
NA	None	None	
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DAT	E:
Windy	Amy Geldell	March 28, 2017	

#### **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>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION Y
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>N</u>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION $\underline{Y}$	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS Y

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 follow up conducted by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). The Fedinec Pit is a 110c permitted site that includes a total of 5 permitted acres. This site is located approximately five miles southeast of Craig, Colorado and is accessed from Moffatt County Road 120. Angela Bellantoni represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division on the inspection.

The Fedinec Pit was last inspected on October 27, 2016 where site conditions were compared to the operator's surveyed map. Based on site conditions staff determined that 10.44 acres had been affected to date. The one acre identified as reclaimed did not meet the requirements and thus was also considered affected. On December 15, 2016 via consent agreement Pioneer was found in violation for failure to obtain a reclamation permit prior to engaging in a new operation. Corrective actions required that the Operator obtain a conversion application permit within 180 days of the board order to modify the permit/affected area to incorporate the entire disturbed area. Per the board order the conversion application must be approved on or before July 31, 2017.

The purpose of this inspection was to accompany the consultant preparing the conversion application package and answer questions as needed. She had never been to this site so it was helpful to see everything in person. The entire site was observed and general thoughts of what final reclamation would look like were discussed. The new approximate permit boundaries were pointed out in relation to the current affected area footprint. Ms. Bellantoni gave insight as to where Pioneer was at with completing the application package. Division staff gave a brief overview of the general process and timelines that must be meet.

The site remains inactive. Site conditions have not changed since the inspection last fall. The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The sign is located at the entrance to the permit boundary. No equipment, buildings or fuel storage were observed on site. Misc. metal and other mining related debris remain. Vegetation was dormant at the time of the inspection. Staff was unable to determine if weeds are present though based on litter treatments later this summer are likely necessary

Currently the Division holds a Financial Warranty in the amount of \$19,300 for this site. The Division will wait to recalculate the reclamation cost estimate until the conversion application is processed. The new bond amount will be based on the approved plans under that revision and will become due 60 days from approval. No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@ state.co.us

#### PERMIT #: M-1977-057 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: ACY INSPECTION DATE: March 16, 2017

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**





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