


**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Buena Vista Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-196	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Chaffee
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin M. Czaplá	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 18, 2017	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 17:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Hard Rock Paving and Redi-Mix, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$50,000.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 26, 2017

**The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.**

**INSPECTION TOPIC:** Availability Of Records

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The Division recommends the Operator file for Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5 year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the pit was active. If that date is more than 5 years ago, the operator is required ask the Board for a 5 year extension to the Temporary Cessation period (per rule 1.13.5 (3) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 5/26/17

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Buena Vista Pit is located approximately one mile north of Buena Vista and accessed from CR 383. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 23.81 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$50,000.00 for this site. The Division has reviewed the reclamation costs, in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan, and determined that the current financial warranty amount is adequate.

Annual reports submitted by the operator state that there has been no mining activity at the site since December 2011. Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5 an operator must submit to the Division a Notice of Temporary Cessation if the mine is inactive for more than 180 days. The operator has not submitted the required notice. This has been noted as a problem.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by fencing and posts that were clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

During the inspection, the southern part of the permit area was under use by a construction company associated with a road project occurring on Hwy 24. Various equipment, office trailers, materials and refuse were stored on site. This area will need to be cleaned up following completion of the road project.

No significant changes from the Division's last inspection were noted in the pit area. The erosion features that were repaired in 2013 appear in good condition.

No other problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone number (970) 243-6299.

## PHOTOGRAPHS











### **GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS**

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <b><u>PB</u></b>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <b><u>Y</u></b>	(RD) ROADS----- <b><u>N</u></b>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <b><u>N</u></b>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <b><u>Y</u></b>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <b><u>N</u></b>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <b><u>N</u></b>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <b><u>N</u></b>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <b><u>Y</u></b>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <b><u>Y</u></b>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <b><u>N</u></b>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <b><u>N</u></b>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <b><u>Y</u></b>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <b><u>N</u></b>	(CI) COMPLETE INSP---- <b><u>N</u></b>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <b><u>N</u></b>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <b><u>Y</u></b>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <b><u>N</u></b>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <b><u>N</u></b>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <b><u>N</u></b>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <b><u>N</u></b>

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

### **Inspection Contact Address**

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