


**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> Alamosa County Pit No. 1	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2001-108	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Conejos
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin M. Czapla	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> May 15, 2017	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Alamosa County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00
<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> May 30, 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:** Off-site Damage

**POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Land has been affected outside of the approved permit boundary. This is a possible violation at this time pursuant to: 1.) C.R.S. 34-32.5-109(1) for failure to first obtain from the board or office a reclamation permit prior to engaging in a new operation AND/OR 2.) C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(i) for failure to protect areas outside of the affected land from slides or damages occurring during the mining operation.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** This possible violation will require a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board. The schedule and other details for the MLRB hearing will be provided under a separate document to be sent via certified mail to the operator.

## **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 Alamosa County Pit No. 1 is located approximately 13.5 miles south of Monte Vista and accessed from County Road 9. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of 9.99 permitted acres. Pursuant to Rule 4.1.2 (2), a financial warranty is not required for this site.

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

The affected area was marked by posts that were clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary. Approximately ¼ acre has been affected outside the permit area where topsoil has been stockpiled outside the permit area on the southeast side. This has been noted as a possible violation on page one of this report and will be addressed at a future Mined Land Reclamation Board hearing.

The pit area is well maintained. The pit slopes have been graded to approximately 3H:1V. No signs of excessive erosion or instability were noted. There is approximately one acre remaining to be mined in the southeast corner of the permit area.

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.

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