


**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> Porco Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2004-042	<b>MINERAL:</b> Aggregate	<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> 14:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Ralph Porco, Randy Porco	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$8,300.00
<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 19, 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:** Signs & Markers

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers were not observed per the requirements of Rule 3.1.12.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator must post a sign at the entrance to the mine site which shall be clearly visible from the access road and specify the following; the name of the operator, indicate that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, and the permit number. The boundaries of the affected area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 6/19/17

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. The operator was notified of the inspection on May 3, but was not present for the inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Porco Pit is located approximately two miles southwest of Capulin and accessed from Fdr 255 through the Porco property. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of seven permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$8,300.00 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.

Adequate mine identification signage was not noted at the entrance to the site. This is listed as a problem on page one of this report.

The permit boundary was not clearly marked. This is listed as a problem on page one of this report.

The pit area currently covers approximately two acres. The pit is located in a basalt outcrop on top of a flat mesa. The dig areas are approximately 10 feet deep. No stability issues or erosion concerns were noted.

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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