



COLORADO


Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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: Mineral Joe Claims	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-284	MINERAL: Uranium and vanadium	COUNTY: Montrose
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Dustin M. Czaplá	INSP. DATE: September 12, 2017	INSP. TIME: 17:00
OPERATOR: Cotter Corporation	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Gus Gaviotis	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: IT.Bondcalculationtype.CD.Desc	BOND AMOUNT: \$35,167.30	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: U.S.Energy	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 14, 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>N</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>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</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 Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. Russ Means and Lucas West (DRMS); Ed Cotter, Kyle Turley, Bill Dam, Jim Denier, and Polly Robinson (DOE); Gus Gaviotis and Scott Pottorfs (Cotter Corporation) were present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Mineral Joe Claims site is located approximately nine miles west of Naturita and accessed from EE19 Road. The site is a 110d operation that includes a total of 9.5 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$35,167.30 for this site.

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

Unused equipment and fuel tanks were removed from the site several years ago. The Duggan adit was secured with a locking gate. The office building and compressor shed remain dilapidated due to site inactivity. Stormwater control structures appeared maintained and functional.

No 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 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone number (970) 243-6299.

PHOTOGRAPHS





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