



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: Craig Ranch Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1986-002	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Mesa
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Amy C. Yeldell	INSP. DATE: January 25, 2018	INSP. TIME: 12:15
OPERATOR: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Compai County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jason Burkey	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$218,342.80	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: February 6, 2018	

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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>PB</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</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 Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) normal monitoring program. The Craig Ranch Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 153.4 permitted acres. This site located approximately one mile southwest of Whitewater, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 141. Jason Burkey with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba Untied Companies of Mesa County represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection.

The mine identification sign was missing at the time of the inspection. The operator forwarded staff an email inquiring about when the new signs will be ordered and posted. The response he received was, official metal signs will be installed mid-summer. In the interim the operator shall post a temporary sign at the pit entrance. Prior to the mailing of this report the Division was sent a photo of the temporary sign posted at the mine entrance, therefore this is not cited as a problem.

The site has two gates, one at the entrance to the access road and another at the pit boundary entrance. Both of which serve to keep cattle out of the pit. The permit boundary is delineated by a wire t-post fence.

A scale is located along the access road near the first gate. No scale house is located on site. No equipment, fuel or other structures are located within the permit boundary.

Several very large stockpiles of crushed material are stored on the pit floor. Most of the stockpiles have some minor erosion however there is no evidence of offsite damage being threatened by the erosion. There are also a few piles of recycled asphalt stored on site. These piles will be used for future projects or removed prior to reclamation. The current affected lands remains around 14 ac.

The site was partially covered by snow at the time of the inspection. From what could be observed there appeared to be very little vegetation on the site. The pit floor is mostly void of vegetation both desirable and noxious.

This pit was inactive at the time of the inspection. Mr. Burkey explained that this site is only used for very specific local jobs. The previous annual report states that the last date of activity was in November 2016. Though this site is approved for Intermittent Status, the operator is still required to be active annually. If this pit ceases production for an extended period (active less than annually), you are required to be in temporary cessation status. If the operator does not expect to use the pit this summer then it should be put into temporary cessation.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$218,342.80 for this site. The bond was last updated in 2011 with the approval of CN-1. In an effort to ensure the Financial Warranty adequately, reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division will be updating the reclamation cost estimate. If the current bond is found to be insufficient the Division will send a Notice of Surety Increase under a separate cover.

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