



# 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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Latham - Burkett Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1983-013	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Mesa
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amy C. Yeldell	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> January 31, 2018	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Compai County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jason Burkey	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$41,884.00	
<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> 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <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 Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) normal monitoring program. The Latham-Burkett Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 140.7 permitted acres. This site located approximately one mile south of DeBeque, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 6. 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 and affected area boundary markers remain in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The mine identification sign is fastened to the gate at the site entrance. A wire fence delineates the permit.

This site was inactive at the time of the inspection and is in final reclamation. There is no equipment, fuel or structures related to mining on site. Some cement barriers and signs still remain.

The northern portions of this pit that were excavated have been reclaimed and are ponds. Due to the season only a portion of the lakes were able to be inspected. It appears that the parts of the northern lake may still have some stockpiles and grading remaining. The banks of the southeastern lake appear to be properly sloped. Adjacent to the ponds is a large parking lot and a few more small stockpiles. The road that connects the ponds appears to be seeded. Thickets of trees are clustered throughout the ponds.

The upper area is being used by the local rancher to store hay. This area is stable but appears to have no vegetative growth. Mr. Burkey indicated that they are waiting on the landowner to decide what they want the operator to do for final reclamation. The operator is willing to do an amendment if necessary to change the post mining land use to fit the landowner's needs.

The operator is reminded that final reclamation must occur within 5 years of mining completion. If the landowner cannot give guidance of what they want done with the land, then the operator should complete reclamation as the current reclamation plan states rather than delaying the process.

Please note that only reclamation completed prior to 2005 is grandfathered and may have Russian Olive or Tamarisk present. Currently for Mesa County these weeds should be 'suppressed'. If the county changes the status to 'eradication' none of these weeds will be allowed regardless of when reclamation was completed. Also note that this site should be the sink not the source for surrounding areas.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$41,884.00 for this site. The bond was last updated in 2011 with the approval of SI-2. 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.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Miscellaneous mine signs and barriers











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