


**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.

MINE NAME: Rudibaugh Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1995-057	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Gunnison
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Dustin M. Czapla	INSP. DATE: March 14, 2018	INSP. TIME: 15:30
OPERATOR: Deb Rudibaugh	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$11,574.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: March 20, 2018

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.

1. INSPECTION TOPIC: Excess Spoil & Dev. Waste

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: Trash and refuse was noticed on the site. The south portion of the permit area is being used as a junkyard. Junk vehicles/equipment and various refuse are stored in this area. This is a problem at this time for failure to dispose of refuse in a manner that controls unsightliness or deleterious effects of such refuse pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-116(4)(e).

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall submit a written notice to the Division with photo documentation, that the trash and junk vehicles have been removed from the site by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 5/21/18

2. **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Financial Warranty

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The financial warranty is not adequate to reclaim the site in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. This is a failure to maintain the proper financial warranty amount to complete reclamation of the affected lands pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-117(4)(b) of the Act.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall submit adequate financial warranty, as determined by the Division. The Division will be sending a separate surety increase notice to the operator regarding the increase of the financial warranty. The operator will have 60 days from the date on the surety increase notice to post the additional financial warranty.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 5/21/18

3. **INSPECTION TOPIC:** Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The mine identification sign posted at the entrance to the site is dilapidated and the required information is not legible. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road with the following: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 5/21/18

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 Rudibaugh Pit is located approximately five miles north of Parlin and accessed from CR 76. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of 9.9 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$11,574.00 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 insufficient. This is an unresolved problem that has been noted in a previous inspection. The Operator will be notified under separate cover of a financial warranty increase.

A mine identification sign was posted at the entrance to the site, but it is dilapidated and some of the required information is illegible. The Operator must repair or replace the sign. This is an unresolved problem that has been noted in a previous inspection.

The affected area was marked by corner posts.

An earthen berm is constructed around the west side of the pit that controls stormwater runoff. Snowmelt appeared to be infiltrating through the pit floor. The slope on the east side of the pit is graded to approximately 3H:1V and appears stable. Excavation has occurred in the north and central parts of the pit. There was no activity occurring at the site during this inspection. Slopes around the excavation are at an angle of repose, approximately 1H:1V. There was no fuel stored on site. A conveyor and screen were located in the central pit 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 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone number (970) 243-6299.

PHOTOGRAPHS







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