


**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> North River Gravel Pit Extension	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1999-007	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Rio Blanco
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Travis H. Marshall	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 17, 2018	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:15
<b>OPERATOR:</b> George T. Weldon Construction, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Mike T. Weldon	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$25,900.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Windy	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 18, 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.**

**INSPECTION TOPIC:** Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The current mine plan needs to be updated and clarified pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-112 (1)(c)(VI). The operator must provide sufficient information to describe or identify how the operator intends to conduct the operation.**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall submit a conversion from a 110c to a 112c, with the required \$2,696.00 revision fee, to update and clarify the current approved mine plan to reflect existing and proposed activities by the corrective action date of June 22, 2018.**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 6/22/18

### **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The North River Gravel Pit is located approximately 3 miles northeast of Rangely, Colorado in Rio Blanco County. Mike Weldon of George T Weldon Construction LLC was present during the inspection.

The purpose of the inspection was to observe the current conditions of the operation.

A sign in accordance with rule 3.1.12(1) was observed at the main entrance of the mine operation.

The pit was inactive during the inspection and no equipment was observed within the permit area.

Various stockpiles of construction material were observed in the eastern portion of the gravel pit.

The operator recently became the succeeding operator of the 9.9 acre 110c reclamation permit. The land surrounding the permitted site has evidence of pre-law (prior to 1977) disturbance from historical mining activities.

The mine consists of only 9.9 permitted acres and the disturbance observed exceeds the 9.9 acres allowed for mining activities. It is not possible to define what disturbance outside of the permit area was recent or pre-law. In order to update the permit the operator must submit a 110c to 112c conversion to expand the permit area to include previously disturbed resources outside of the permit area. The operator may wish to include non-disturbed resources on the property as well. The purpose of the required conversion from a 110c to a 112c is to account for all the surface disturbance on the site and to update the mining and reclamation plans. The current mining and reclamation plans are outdated and the maps originally submitted to the Division are not accurate. **The conversion must be submitted no later than June 22, 2018.**

Photos that show the conditions observed during the April 17, 2018 inspection are included at the end of this report.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Travis Marshall 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 no. (970) 241-2042.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



### GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</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>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>PB</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>NA</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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

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