


**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> Nichols Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1981-013	<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> May 3, 2018	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Nichols Gravel Pit, L.L.P.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<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> \$72,600.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Raining	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> May 15, 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:** Signs & Markers

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: The mine identification sign posted at the entrance of the mine site displayed incorrect information. 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 corrected sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 7/13/18

### **OBSERVATIONS**

Amy Yeldell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) attempted to conduct a normal monitoring inspection of the Nichols Gravel Pit. The Nichols Gravel Pit is a 112c permit that includes a total of 67.5 acres with a 9.9 acre maximum disturbance.

Staff left a message with the operator ahead of time to notify them of the inspection. Upon arrival to the site staff found the gate to the pit locked. Staff called both the inspection contact and the phone number on the mine sign and left messages. After waiting for 45 minutes past the scheduled inspection time, staff left.

The mine sign is noted as a problem. The incorrect permit number is posted on the sign. The permit number is M-1981-013. The number posted is MCM 181-139 which is a withdrawn application in Morgan County. Also the sign lists Plateau Valley Gravel Products, LLC as the operator. The Division has Nichols Gravel Pit, L.L.P. as the operator. If this is no longer the case then a Succession of Operator needs to be filed to transfer the permit. Otherwise the mine sign needs to be corrected to list the correct permittee. The actual operator if sub-contracting may post an additional sign with their information if they wish to do so.

No other aspects of the permit were inspected for at this time. Staff will contact the permittee at a later date to conduct another inspection.

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



### **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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</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>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</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

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

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Enclosure

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