




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: Pueblo West Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-573	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Pueblo
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety-Related Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: October 17, 2019	INSP. TIME: 09:15
OPERATOR: Continental Materials Corporation	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Bruce Humphries	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Related	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$343,323.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 18, 2019	

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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>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

OBSERVATIONS

The Pueblo West Pit site was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of a partial release request, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on August 19, 2019. The inspection was completed to assess the state of reclamation of mined finger of land along the Arkansas River. The land is currently owned by the Division of Natural Resources – Division of Parks and Wildlife (CPW). The site was previously inspected by the Division on November 28, 2018. Mr. Bruce Humphries accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was windy and the sky was clear.

Per Rule 4.17.2(1) the Division sent notice of the release request to the Pueblo County Commissioners, Pueblo Planning Director, the Turkey Creek Soil Conservation District and the landowner, Division of Parks and Wildlife. The Division has not receive any comments from the noticed parties.

The finger lake area is approximately 5.67 acres in size and was mined and backfilled in the late 1990's and early 2000's. During mining they were required to maintain a minimum of a 50 foot buffer to the property line which resulted in approximately 4.4 acres of disturbance. The area was backfilled to allow it to become an emergent wetland (Annual Report March 22, 2001). Since that time vegetative cover has consisted of annual weeds and some native volunteer species. There are some Russian olive trees and tamarisk trees throughout the area. These are List B Noxious Weeds Species by the Colorado Department of Agriculture which requires suppression not eradication. The area maybe acting as a localized sink as its vegetation closely mimics vegetation that is found outside the mined area. Evidence of wildlife was very common through this area, there were numerous well-travelled paths that animals use as a travel corridor paralleling the river.

Based on observations made during this inspection the request for partial release of the permitted area will be approved. The release of 5.67 acres of the Finger Lakes area will reduce the permit area to 122.08 acres, based on a current permit boundary survey. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303)866-3567 ext. 8114 or email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us if you have any questions regarding this report.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Looking from western edge of Finger Lakes Area to the east



Photo 2: Looking west to the still permitted area



Photo 3: Area that has been mined and reclaimed, hill at center of picture was not affected



Photo 4: Well used game trail through release area



Photo 5: Area of matted down vegetation from overnighting herd animals



Photo 6: Vegetation conditions adjacent to release area



Photo 7: Game trail through the far eastern portion of release area



Photo 8: Vegetation to the left is outside release area