

# 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:	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
Otter Creek Pit	M-2012-050	Gravel and sand	Mesa
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Preoperation Inspection	Amy Yeldell	October 21, 2019	15:30
OPERATOR:	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Compar	Ivan Geer	112c - Construction Regular Operation	
County			
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Preoperation Inspection	Complete Bond	\$124,375.61	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
NA	None	None	
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DAT	Е:
Clear	Amy Geldell	October 23, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY Y	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES $\underline{Y}$	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION Y
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS Y	(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 Y	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>N</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted in response the amendment application (AM-1) submitted to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division), on August 1, 2019. This was a pre-operation inspection of the proposed mine expansion area. Ivan Geer represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division on the inspection. The Otter Creek Pit is a 89.20 acre 112c site operated by Oldcastle Southwest Group, Inc. dba United Companies. AM-1 proposes to add 5.8 acres to the northeast of the existing pit for a total permit acreage of 95 acres.

The proposed post mining land use is wildlife habitat. AM-1 will result in adding an additional mining phase #4 and expanding the northern pit/pond. The operator will continue to implement concurrent reclamation, which will result in no more than 12.5 acres requiring reclamation at any given time. The overall mining and reclamation plan for this mine will not change; simply the amendment would allow more land to be mined.

Currently the land proposed under AM-1 is abandoned rural residential property. Several structures owned by Oldcastle and other miscellaneous debris are present on site and will need to be removed prior to mining commencing. Vegetation includes bare ground, mature cottonwoods, and overgrown shrubs. The site was accurately described in the amendment application.

The public notice sign was observed in the northeastern corner of the proposed mine expansion area. Public notice (Rule 1.6.2(1)(e)(ii)/(g)) has been sent out to all identified adjacent landowners. Additionally all structure agreements have been sent out. The Operator has also submitted in engineering evaluation in lieu of where completed structure agreements could/have not been obtained. Being that this site is in town and owners are constantly changing, the Operator has sent out multiple notices as ownership has changed in an effort to meet the minimum requirements of the Act and Rules.

The Division will recalculate the required financial warranty. This and the Division's decision letter will be sent 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

### **Inspection Contact Address**

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Enclosure

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