

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:
Incas Mine	M-1986-076	Gold and silver	La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME: 10:30
Monitoring	Lucas West	November 13, 2019	
OPERATOR: Michael McClure	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	

REASON FOR INSPECTION:		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:
Normal I&E Program		None	\$29,902.68
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:
NA		None	None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE DATE: December 10, 2019

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: Availability Of Records

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall submit evidence that the site has been active within the last 180 days or a file a Notice of Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5 year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the site was active. If that date is more than 5 years ago, the operator is required ask the Board for a 5 year extension to the Temporary Cessation period (per rule 1.13.5 (2) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 1/10/20

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was attempted to be conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Incas Mine is a 110(d) operation that is currently listed as active. The site consists of 9.9 permitted acres and is located approximately 10 miles northwest of Durango at 10,800 feet in elevation. Access to the site is controlled by a locked gate along the access road, as well as the gate to the May Day Idaho Mine Complex as well. The Division currently holds \$29,902.68 in financial warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate was not performed at this time.

Access to the site was attempted but unable to be achieved. The road was blocked by a large fallen tree. Evidence suggests road has been blocked for at least one winter. Based on the condition of the road as well as the condition of the fallen tree it is apparent that no access or mining activity has occurred at the site for quite some time. Therefore Availability of Records is being cited as a problem. Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office.

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All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver CO, 80203, by phone at 970-243-6368 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

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

(AR) RECORDS <u>PB</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 N
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>N</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

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