

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:
Orlando Pit	M-2001-106	Sand and gravel	Huerfano
INSPECTION TYPE:	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Monitoring	Patrick Lennberg	December 12, 2019	10:00
OPERATOR:	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Huerfano County	Bill Brunelli	112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION:		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:
Normal I&E Program		None	\$0.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:
NA		None	None
WEATHER:	INSPE	CTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:
Windy	Patrick St		December 16, 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: Markers

PROBLEM: The affected area boundary markers are incorrectly placed. This is a problem for failure to maintain boundary markers around the affected area as required by Section 3.1.12(2) of the rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall conduct a survey and replace the boundary markers in the correct location(s). The operator shall provide proof to the Division that this has been done by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 2/14/20

OBSERVATIONS

The Orlando Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. The site was previously inspected by the Division on January 15, 2016 during a routine monitoring inspection. Bill Brunelli with Huerfano County accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was windy, and the sky was clear.

The Orlando Pit is located approximately 1 mile southeast of Gardner, Colorado just south of Colorado State Highway 65 on County Road 543. The Orlando Pit is a 36.46 acre pit for the removal of sand and gravel for county road maintenance and repair. The site is surrounded by rangeland and the post-mining land use is rangeland. A mine sign was observed as required by Rule 3.1.12.

The pit was originally a 110c permit that was converted to a 112c in 2012 and was active at the time of inspection. Mining has been moving from east to west towards the access road. Currently there is a highwall that runs parallel and just east of the access road. The highwall has an average height of approximately 15 feet and is approximately 250 ft long, running roughly north-south. The highwall has an approximate slope of .5H:1V to just flatter than 1H:1V. All mined areas daylight the terrace to the east. The site has been graded between the crest of the terrace to the active highwall along the southern affected land boundary. The Operator has graded portions of the affected land to 3H:1V or flatter. There is a topsoil stockpile located on top of the highwall just east of the access road. The topsoil stockpile has some vegetative cover and appears stable. The current level of disturbance is estimated to be between 9-10 acres where the permit allows for 15 acres of affected land.

After marking all the permit boundary markers with a GPS and performing a permit review it appears that the boundary markers are misplaced. The misplaced boundary markers are being cited as a problem within this report. Attached to this report is a map of the boundary markers located by the Division during the inspection and another map, the Mining Plan Map, provided for reference.

The Division currently holds no financial warranty because it is a county operation.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

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

Inspection Contact Address

Melanie Banks Huerfano County P.O. Box 48 Walsenburg, CO 81089 Enclosures: GoogleEarth Image with GPS Located Boundary Markers Exhibit C.2 Mining Plan Map, 2012

cc: Jared Ebert, DRMS

PERMIT #: M-2001-106 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: JPL INSPECTION DATE: December 12, 2019

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign off County Road 543



Photo 2: Looking across the permit area from the northwest corner towards the east



Photo 3: Looking across the permit area from the southwest corner towards the north



Photo 4: Looking into the previous mined portions of the pit with reclaimed 3H:1V slopes



Photo 5: Looking southeast across the pit floor where revegetation is taking place



Photo 6: Looking at the active portions of the pit with the highwall along the road center left of picture

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

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

(AR) RECORDS <u>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>N</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 Y
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS PB	(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 and found in compliance / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited



