



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety


Department of Natural Resources

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: Stage Stop Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1984-025	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Saguache
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Stephanie Mitchell	INSP. DATE: February 18, 2020	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Southway Construction Company, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$55,081.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: February 25, 2020

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. This mine site has been in Temporary Cessation from November 27, 2013. The 5 year term has expired.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Division recommends the Operator file for Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5 year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the pit 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 (3) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 4/22/20

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. 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 proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 3/26/20

OBSERVATIONS

This was a normal monitoring inspection of the Stage Stop Pit; DRMS file No. M-1984-025 operated by Southway Construction Company, Inc. This is a 40 acre 112c mining operation located approximately 12 miles northwest of Saguache, Colorado in Saguache County. I, Stephanie Mitchell of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection.

The Mine Identification sign was not at the entrance to the mine site to be in compliance per Rule 3.1.12 (2). The sign was knocked over and on the ground not visible to the general public. This is noted as a problem at the beginning of this inspection report. Please post the sign back up and send a picture of it posted to abate the problem. The permit boundaries were delineated by fencing.

The current disturbance is located in the northern portion of the permit area and is approximately 31.8 acres in size, and moving to the east. Topsoil has been stripped and is stockpiled as a berm along the southwest and northwest part of the permit boundary of the site and is stabilized with vegetative cover. No erosion or sedimentation issues were observed.

There was no equipment or fuel on site. Various material stockpiles were located within the permit area. The site has been in Temporary Cessation Status per Rule 1.13.2 since November 27, 2013. That 5 year status has since expired. The Division requires the Operator to request a second term of temporary cessation from the Mined Land Reclamation Board on the April 22, 2020 meeting. Please refer to Rule 1.13.5(3) for specific instructions for a request of a second period of temporary cessation.

1.13.5 Notice by Operator

(1) If the Operator plans to, or does, temporarily cease 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.

(a) Initial period shall be the first five years of Temporary Cessation beginning with the 180 day period of production cessation.

(b) The second five year period of Temporary Cessation shall begin at the end of the initial period of Temporary Cessation.

(2) The Notice of Temporary Cessation for the initial period shall include the following:

(a) the date of cessation;

(b) the reasons for non-production or cessation of the mining operation;

(c) a plan for resumption of mining;

(d) the measures to be taken to comply with reclamation requirements and/or other activities related to the performance standards of Section 3.1 while the mine is in Temporary Cessation; and

(e) demonstration that the existing Financial Warranty is adequate to cover the reclamation liability.

(3) The Notice for the second period shall include the following:

(a) demonstration that the existing Financial Warranty is adequate to cover the reclamation liability;

(b) explanation as to why the Operator has not recommenced operations or begun reclamation;

(c) demonstration of continued commitment to conduct mining operations at the site by the end of the second five year period.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Stephanie Mitchell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone number (303)866-3567 ext 8180.

PHOTOGRAPHS













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