




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: Unpermitted Operation	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2020-025	MINERAL: Gold	COUNTY: Montrose
INSPECTION TYPE: Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)	INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSP. DATE: May 1, 2020	INSP. TIME: 12:00
OPERATOR: Gregg Morrill	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Gregg Morrill	TYPE OF OPERATION: ILL - Illegal	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Citizen Complaint	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: No Bond Held
DATE OF COMPLAINT: April 28, 2020	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 4, 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

POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Operator is conducting a mining operation without a permit issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: This matter will be scheduled for enforcement hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board. Notice of the hearing will be sent separate from this report.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: June 24, 2020

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted in response to a citizen complaint received on April 28, 2020. The complaint indicated that there was a mining operation being conducted without a permit. The site is located approximately six miles northwest of Uravan, in Montrose County, near the intersection of Hwy 141 and County Road R13. The operation has disturbed areas on both sides of Hwy 141. A processing area has been established on the west side of the highway. The process area includes a gas powered screen and sluice box system, stockpile area and settling pond. Water for the system is pumped from the Dolores River. It was determined during this inspection that the Operator does not possess appropriate water rights for the water use. The mining area is located on the east side of the highway. The mining area contained a screening and loadout area, fuel storage and highwall. Material is mined from this area, screened and loaded into a dump truck, then hauled across the highway to the process area. The fuel stored in this area was not in a secondary containment structure. The operation has disturbed approximately two acres. During this inspection the Operator was informed of the requirement to obtain a permit issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board) prior to conducting a mining operation in the State of Colorado. An enforcement hearing for this matter will be scheduled at a future Board meeting. Notice of the hearing will be sent separate from this report. Photographs of the site, showing the conditions observed during this inspection, are included this report.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188.

PHOTOGRAPHS





GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

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

(AR) RECORDS----- PV	(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---- <u>N</u>
(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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