




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: Ward Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2003-024	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Phillips
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Brock Bowles	INSP. DATE: June 15, 2020	INSP. TIME: 10:45
OPERATOR: Phillips County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mike Salyards	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 22, 2020	

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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>NA</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>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</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>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

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted by Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Mike Salyards of Phillips County (Operator) was present for the inspection. The Ward Pit is operated by Phillips County and is located about 11 miles northeast of Holyoke, Colorado. The site is an active 112c operation and the post-mining land use is wildlife. At the time of the inspection it was warm, clear, windy and the ground was dry.

The approved permit area allows for 30 ac of disturbance but only about 20 have been disturbed at the time of the inspection. No mining activity was being conducted and no equipment was on site. A pile of gravel was pushed up in the middle of the pit area. The date of last activity reported in the Annual Report was April 2020 and this appears to be consistent with site conditions. The spit slopes were graded to approximately a 3h:1v slope.

The permit identification sign was in place at the mine entrance and was legible. The mine boundary was marked with a fence on the north side, bordered by CR 49 on the west and markers on the south and east sides. Two topsoil stockpiles were located along the north fenceline and southern boundary. Both piles were well vegetated. About 1-2 acres had been topsoiled and revegetated on the west side of the pit area along the county road. The vegetation in this area has started to grow and become established.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Mine entrance sign facing County Road 49



Southeast corner boundary marker.



Pit area from northeast corner looking west



Revegetated area on west side of pit along CR 49, looking south.

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