



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: Rother Pit #2	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2019-036	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Cheyenne
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Timothy Cazier	INSP. DATE: June 11, 2020	INSP. TIME: 10:20
OPERATOR: Cheyenne County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jim Brown	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
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: July 6, 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>Y</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>Y</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>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>Y</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</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 Tim Cazier (DRMS) as part of the regular monitoring program. The Permittee (Cheyenne County) was represented by Mr. Jim Brown during the inspection. The Rother Pit #2 is accessed from Co Rd 53 approximately 0.2 miles south of the intersection with Co Rd D, roughly 14 miles SE of Cheyenne Wells. This is a 110c sand and gravel mine. It was not operating at the time of the inspection, but recent mining activities were observed.

Availability of Records: Annual fees and report are not due until August 14, 2020. This was the DRMS's first inspection of this site. The approved post-mine land use is pastureland. There are no open infractions. Both the surface and minerals are privately owned.

Acid And Toxic Materials: No acid or toxic materials are involved in this operation, nor were any above ground fuel/oil storage tanks were observed.

Backfilling and Grading: Sufficient backfill material appeared to be available to push down material from the crest (see **Photo 1**).

Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste: No overburden piles were observed.

Financial Warranty: As the site is permitted by the County, no bond is required.

Fish and Wildlife: No impact to wildlife was observed.

Hydrologic Balance: No standing water was observed in the pit and no exposed groundwater was observed.

Gen. Compliance with Mine Plan: The operation appeared to be in compliance with the approved mine plan. The maximum allowed disturbed area is 9.9 acres. The extent of the disturbed area (4.9 acres, see attached **Post-Inspection Map**) was measured using a Trimble Juno 3B handheld GPS unit during the inspection, consisting of a single pit, topsoil and product stockpiles (see **Photo 1**). Some minor incidental disturbance due to traffic around the end of the topsoil stockpile was recorded with the GPS. An access road was observed around the pit (see **Photo 2**). Mr. Brown indicated the County was nearly finished as the expected resource was not extensive as expected.

Off-site Damage: The operation appeared to be confined to the permit boundary, based on site observations.

Processing Waste: No processing waste was observed.

Roads: The roughly 1,200 foot long access road did not appear to be a source of sediment that could be tracked offsite. Road side ditches were clean (see **Photo 3**).

Right of Entry: The legal right of entry documentation provided with the permit application was signed by the landowner and provided no end date.

Reclamation Success: No reclamation has been initiated.

Revegetation: No noxious weeds were observed.

Sediment Control: No erosion problems were observed and no BMPs were needed at the time of the inspection.

Support Facilities On-site: No support facilities or equipment were observed on site.

Signs and Markers: The permit sign was properly posted (see **Photo 4**) and boundary markers were observed to delineate the permit boundary (see **Photo 5**).

Permit Stipulations: There are no permit stipulations.

Storm Water MGT Plan: No oil or fuel spills observed. Stormwater drains to the pit and infiltrates.

Topsoil: A topsoil stockpile is in the north side of the pit (see **Photo 6**). The slight traffic disturbance outside the permit boundary can also be seen in **Photo 6**.

Structures: The only structure observed within 200 feet of the affected area was the barbed wire fence (see **Photo 7**) identified in Exhibit E of the application, on the north and east sides of the site.

Please contact Tim Cazier (303)866-3567 ext. 8169 or email at tim.cazier@state.co.us if you have any questions regarding this report.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. Pit (looking SE – topsoil stockpile on left, product stockpile at far side on right).

PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)



Photo 2. Access road circling pit (east side, looking west).



Photo 3. Main haul/access road (looking west from west side of pit).

PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)



Photo 4. Permit sign (at entrance off Co Rd 53).



Photo 5. Typical boundary marker (SE corner, looking NE – note GPS unit on T-post).

PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)

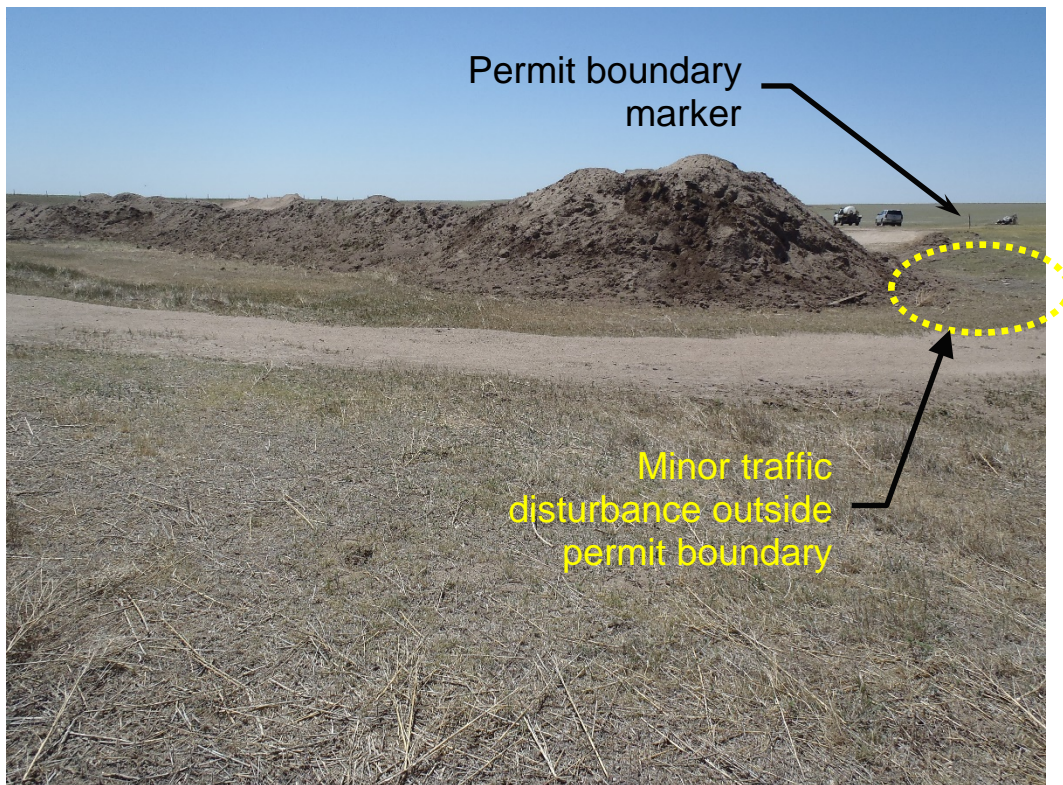


Photo 6. Topsoil stockpile (looking SW from NW corner).



Photo 7. Barbed wire fence on east & north sides (looking north).

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Enclosure

ec: DRMS file
Marcy Brossman, Cheyenne County

M-2019-036 2020 Post-Inspection Map

Satellite Imagery from 4/23/2016

GPS features collected 6/11/2020 using Trimble Juno 3B unit

Legend

- M-19-036 Access Rd CL
- M-19-036 Disturbed Area
- M-19-36 Permit Boundary - GPS based
- M-19-36 TS stockpile Crest - Estimated
- Rother Pit #2
- T-post Boundary Markers

Rother Pit #2

4.9 Acres