




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: Cesar Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1998-101	MINERAL: Sand and gravel and	COUNTY: Pueblo
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety-Related Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: July 14, 2020	INSP. TIME: 11:15
OPERATOR: Tony J. Beltramo and Sons, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Tim Beltramo	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$219,000.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 28, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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---- <u>Y</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

The Cesar Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of an acreage release request, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on June 29, 2020. The site was previously inspected by the Division on January 15, 2020 as part of the Division's routine monitoring program. Tim Beltramo with Tony Beltramo and Sons, Inc., the Operator, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was clear and warm.

The Cesar Pit is located in Pueblo County approximately 4 miles south-southeast of Pueblo, Colorado. The Cesar Pit is a 180-acre 112c Construction Materials Reclamation Permit with a maximum allowed disturbance of 180 acres. The primary commodity being mined at the site is sand and gravel. The approved post-mining land use is rangeland. The mine site was surrounded by the following land uses: industrial/commercial, residential, agricultural, and rangeland. A mine sign was observed as required by Rule 3.1.12 at the entrance to the pit at the scale house located in the southern portion of the pit.

The Division sent notice of the release request to the Pueblo County Commissioners, Pueblo County Department of Planning and Development, the South Pueblo Soil Conservation District and the landowner. The Division did not receive any comments from the noticed parties. The Operator has requested the release of 50 acres, in two separate parcels, from the permitted area. The two areas requested to be released are areas in the south and north portions of the permit area. The south area, ~20 acres, is located north of the scale house area, south of the current processing area, and bordered on the east side by a haul road and on the west side by the St. Charles Mesa Road. The north area is located north of the current pit area, south of a small unmined parcel of the permit area and bounded to the east by the permit boundary and west by the St Charles Mesa Road. The purpose of the inspection was to determine if reclamation of these two areas met the reclamation standards of the Division.

The south area was reclaimed and seeded approximately 4 years ago. The vegetation is diverse and well established. There are a few annual weeds but are consistent with the surrounding area. The affected land closely resembles areas immediately adjacent to it that were not affected by mining.

During the inspection the Division spoke with the Operator and expressed its concerns about possibly releasing the northern portion of the requested release. Releasing this portion of the permit would isolate the northern most parcel of unmined permit area forcing the Operator to haul material on the St Charles Mesa Road to the processing area. If the Operator was not allowed by local regulations to haul on the road an amendment would have to be filed in order to re-disturb the released parcel.

The south area may be re-disturbed if market conditions dictate that mining out the area where the current scale house and mine entrance road are located. Again, if this area were released from the permit the Operator would have to file an amendment to allow for re-disturbance of the area.

The Division recommended the Operator seek a surety reduction to received credit for reclamation of the south area and leave the north area as is pending mining of the northern most parcel. The Operator agreed that this would be acceptable. The Operator agrees to withdraw the acreage release request of 50 acres, AR-02. Request a surety reduction of 20.4 acres pertaining to the south area. The Division will approve the surety

reduction of the south area when it is requested.

Currently, mining activities have disturbed approximately 117 acres with 60 acres in final reclamation. Once the surety reduction is approved the disturbed area will be reduced to 97 acres with 40 of those acres in final reclamation. The largest area in final reclamation consists of ~33 acres in the north area.

The Division evaluated the financial warranty and determined the current bond amount held by the Division is adequate at this time.

Based on observations made during this inspection the pending request for a surety reduction of 20.4 acres of the south area will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign at entrance to mine site



Photo 2: Southern-most boundary of the south parcel, scale house to left of picture



Photo 3: Looking north across the southern parcel



Photo 4: Looking north across the southern parcel, dust from main processing area



Photo 5: Looking west towards St. Charles Mesa Rd from the middle of release area



Photo 6: Looking north from middle of release area, bare patch of landed excluded from release request



Photo 7: Looking south across release request from northern portion of area



Photo 8: Typical ground cover conditions