




**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Mendenhall Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2004-027	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Otero
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Daniel Cunningham	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> August 11, 2020	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 13:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Otero County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Lex Nichols	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program		<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> \$0.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA		<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> August 21, 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>N</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 / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

### **OBSERVATIONS**

This was a routine monitoring inspection conducted at the Mendenhall Gravel Pit site by DRMS representative DJ Cunningham. Mr. Lex Nichols was present during the inspection representing the Operator. This site is an active, 25 acre, 112c permit, where 19 acres has been disturbed to date. The site was not active at the time of the inspection, however according to the Operator the site is active yearly for extraction, and hauling off material.

The site identification sign was posted at the mine entrance and the permit boundary were marked. Topsoil was being stored on site around the perimeter. Several large stockpiles of material were seen throughout the permitted area. A small ten foot high by 50 foot long highwall with a gradient of 1H:1V was seen on the southern end of the permit. Top soil was being stored on the western end of the permit, it was stable and no erosional issues were noted.

The eastern portion of the permit, approximately 4 acres, was in reclamation at this time. Several areas showed natural vegetation with annuals weed present. The area was graded at a 4H:1V or flatter. The Operator should continue to monitor the area and treat any evasive species.

No evidence of excessive erosion or any other problems were noted during the inspection.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Entrance Sign



Topsoil Pile





Highwall



Permit Boundary

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Enclosure

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