



MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety 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: Emma Lode MS#7261	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2008-037	MINERAL: Silver, gold, copper,	COUNTY: Clear Creek
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Peter Hays	INSP. DATE: September 24, 2020	INSP. TIME: 12:30
OPERATOR: Venture Resources, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Patrick Maher	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(2) - Hard Rock Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$6,050.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 19, 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>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 / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

The Emma Lode MS#7261 site was inspected by Peter Hays with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) as part of the Division's monitoring inspection program. The site was previously inspected by the Division on November 26, 2017. Mr. Patrick Maher with Venture Resources, Inc. was present during the inspection.

The Emma Lode site is located approximately 1.5 miles north of Idaho Springs, CO in Clear Creek County. The site is a 110(2) Hard Rock Limited Impact operation permitted for 0.15 acre. The approved post-mining land use is residential. The commodities approved to be mined are gold, silver, copper, lead and zinc.

The existing disturbance consists of an open shaft without a collar or an enclosure. The shaft is approximately 240' in depth and connects to the second underground level of the Dove's Nest Mine. A plan to temporarily safeguard the Garland Adit was approved by the Division under TR-01 on January 17, 2018. The safeguarding was in-place at the time of the inspection and was adequate to warn of the existence of the open shaft. The approved Mining Plan states a shaft collar/enclosure would be constructed immediately upon the commencement of mining. The site is undisturbed by mining activity under this permit as stated by the Operator in the 2020 Annual Report. The construction of the planned shed, concrete pad, hoist building and fuel storage tank have not occurred to date. During the inspection, the Operator stated the shaft could be used as future exit for the Comstock Mine. The mine identification sign was posted at the site as required by Rule 3.1.12.

Prior to the commencement of mining operations at the site, the Operator is required to comply with the conditions of the stipulated approval. The stipulation requires the sampling and analyses of in-situ ore and waste rock from the underground workings, including characterization of the processed material proposed for backfill. The geochemical characterization must occur as soon as reasonably practical after access is gained for sampling. The Operator is prohibited from backfilling the mine with any material not generated specifically from the permitted Emma Lode shaft. In addition, the Operator will need to seek approval of a well permit from the Division of Water Resources.

The Division currently holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$6,050.00. The financial warranty amount is adequate to secure the existing shaft during final reclamation.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303.866.3567 x 8124, or by email at peter.hays@state.co.us.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



View of the mine sign and safeguarding around the shaft



View of the open shaft