

# **NON-CONFIDENTAL**

# MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:		INE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:	
Franklin and Freighter's Friend Shafts		2007-069	Gold, zinc, silver and	Clear Creek	
INSPECTION TYPE:		SPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:	
Monitoring Pe		eter Hays	September 24, 2020	14:00	
OPERATOR:	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>		TYPE OF OPERATION:		
COAG Corporation	None		MP - Mineral Prospecting		
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program		<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Partial Bond	<b>BOND AMOUN</b> \$7,000.00	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$7,000.00	
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 Y	(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- N	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION N
(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 N	(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 Franklin and Freighter's Friend Shafts NOI 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 February 27, 2017. Mr. John Miner was contacted prior to the inspection, however the Prospector did not return the Division's correspondence and was not present during the inspection.

The NOI site is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of Idaho Springs, CO in Clear Creek County. The NOI application was issued by the Division on November 14, 2008. The NOI is considered non-confidential by the Division. The land ownership is private and consists of 3.50 acres. The minerals being investigated are gold, silver zinc and lead.

The activities approved under the NOI include bulk sampling from the underground workings of the Franklin and Freighter's Friends mines. The surface features associated with the NOI are the Franklin shaft and the Freighter shaft. The Franklin shaft serves as the primary entry point to the mine workings and the Freighter shaft serves as ventilation for the mine. The shafts existed prior to the issuance of the NOI and both shafts are safeguarded with locking steel grates. No NOI activities were observed during the inspection. The shaft grates were in good condition and locked at the time of the inspection.

The Prospector is involved in a legal dispute with the surface landowner for the areas surrounding the shafts. On December 10, 2019, the Division denied modification no. 1 (MD-01) for the NOI. The denial letter stated further work at the NOI site is prohibited until the following items are submitted and approved by the Division:

- 1. A map clearly showing area(s) to be affected by approved NOI activities.
- 2. Appropriate documentation showing legal right of entry to all property affected by the approved NOI activities.
- 3. Detailed scope of work and timeline for site activities remaining to be conducted under the NOI.

The required documentation has not been provided by the Prospector to the Division.

The Division holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$7,000, which remains adequate to complete reclamation based on the observations from this inspection.

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 <u>peter.hays@state.co.us</u>.

### **Inspection Contact Address**

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



View of the Franklin Shaft



View of the Freighter's Friend Shaft



View of the Freighter's Friend Shaft