




**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> Pueblo County Aggregate Project	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2016-009	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Pueblo
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Preoperation Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Patrick Lennberg	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 6, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 08:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jodi Schreiber	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Preoperation Inspection	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$672,083.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 9, 2021	

**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>N</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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</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 Pueblo County Aggregate Project (PCAP) was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The pre-operation inspection was completed in response to an amendment application (AM-01) received by the Division on December 22, 2020. The site was previously inspected by the Division on November 10, 2020 as part of the Division's routine inspection program. Jodi Schreiber, representing the Operator, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was clear and warm.

The site is located roughly 12 miles east-southeast of Pueblo, Colorado. The site is permitted for 1,517 acre area with, approximately 300 acres being mined throughout the life of mine in in four specific phases. The mining operation proposes extracting sand and gravel on top of the Cascajo Gravel Terraces, also commonly known as the Badger Hills, which are the remnants of a historic river terrace. Mining has not started at the site. The only activities associated with the permit has been the operator working in conjunction with Pueblo County to design and install features associated with the road crossing on 40<sup>th</sup> Lane. The crossing is located in the currently approved permit boundary and is not subject to any changes in AM-01.

As noted in the previous inspection report, the site recently received a Condition Use Permit (CUP) from the county. The CUP mandated that the material mined at PCAP be transported and processed at the State Pit (M1990-112). The approved haul route prohibits any haul traffic from using 36<sup>th</sup> Lane as was originally proposed in the permit. The CUP approved haul route enters the State Pit on the south eastern area of the permitted site and all traffic in and out of PCAP must enter and exit via this location. The new haul road alignment is the subject of AM-01. The haul road is being re-aligned to match property boundaries so the land owners can pursue solar farm construction. The haul road is proposed to enter the State Pit and extended to the affected land boundary. Once approved the area where the two permits overlap will be release through an acreage reduction request. As part of the AM-01 the northern haul road currently permitted is requested to be released since it is no longer a viable haul route.

During the inspection it was determined that the operator had not noticed the land owners of record within 200 feet of the affected land boundary, pursuant to Rule 1.6.2(1)(e), along the north haul route. The Division advised the operator to provide the unnoticed landowners the required notice and allow for a comment period equivalent to the number of calendar days from the first publication to the last publication plus the required 20 day period.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

The financial warranty will be recalculated once the responses to the Preliminary Adequacy Review are received.

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

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Looking east, 40<sup>th</sup> Lane crossing



**Photo 2:** Looking west, 40<sup>th</sup> Lane crossing





**Photo 3:** Looking west, 40<sup>th</sup> Lane crossing, PVC markers center of photo mark edges of proposed haul road



**Photo 4:** Looking east, 40<sup>th</sup> Lane crossing, from west side of road



**Photo 5:** Proposed entrance of haul road into State Pit



**Photo 6:** Area of the approved southern haul route where it intersects 36<sup>th</sup> Lane, unaffected





**Photo 7:** North haul route alignment looking north towards Hwy 50, unaffected by mining



**Photo 8:** North haul route alignment looking south towards private property, unaffected by mining