




**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> Huddleson Stock Pond	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2019-009	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand	<b>COUNTY:</b> El Paso
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety-Related Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Timothy Cazier, P.E.	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> March 24, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:10
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Luther E Huddleson	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Luther Huddleson	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 111(1)(b) - Special One-Time Incidental	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$5,000.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 21, 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>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted by Tim Cazier (DRMS) at the request of Mr. Huddleson to review the reclamation status and consider a reduction or release of the financial warranty. The Permittee, Luther Huddleson was present for the inspection. The site is approximately 0.5 miles east of N. Ellicott Hwy on the north side of State Hwy 110.

Availability of Records: Annual fees are paid through April 2020. The previous inspection was on May 29, 2020. The approved post-mine land use is water storage. There are no open infractions. Both the surface and minerals are privately owned.

Backfilling and Grading: All grading appeared to be complete. Mr. Huddleson had the external (south end) slopes surveyed confirming they were at 4H:1V (see **Photo 1**). Interior slopes were also graded (see **Photo 2**)

Excess Spoil and Dev. Waste: No overburden piles were observed.

Financial Warranty: The DRMS holds a \$5,000 bond which based on this inspection was recommended for release.

Fish and Wildlife: No impact to wildlife was observed.

Hydrologic Balance: No water was observed in the graded pond. Mr. Huddleson was in the process of placing pre-cast concrete blocks (see **Photo 3**) as part of an access point. An overflow pipe was installed on the east side (see **Photo 4**)

Gen. Compliance with Mine Plan: The operation appeared to have been completed in compliance with the approved mine plan. (see **Photo 5**).

Off-site Damage: The operation appeared to be confined to the permit boundary.

Roads: Haul and access roads were existing and will remain.

Right of Entry: Mr. Huddleson owns the land.

Reclamation Success: Reclamation has been completed.

Revegetation: Mr. Huddleson stated he planned to seed the exterior slopes on April 15<sup>th</sup> with a foothills seed mix (see **Photo 6**) and agreed to provide documentation to the DRMS demonstrating he had done so. No noxious weeds were observed.

Sediment Control: No erosion problems were observed and no BMPs were needed at the time of the inspection.

Storm Water MGT Plan: No oil or fuel spills observed.

Topsoil: Topsoil had been placed (see **Photos 5 and 7**).

**SUMMARY:** The DRMS has determined reclamation at this site is adequate. Notices for the requested release were sent on April 7, 2021. The public comment period closes April 22, 2021. If no objections are received by

that time, the release request will be approved. The DRMS must retain the financial warranty for 30 days from the decision date in the event there is an appeal to our decision.

Please contact Tim Cazier (303)866-3567 ext. 8169 or email at [tim.cazier@state.co.us](mailto:tim.cazier@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1. South berm of pond from Hwy 110 (looking NE).



**PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)**



Photo 2. Graded interior pond slopes (from small island in north end of main pond).



Photo 3. Access point where pre-cast concrete blocks are being placed (east side, looking south).



**PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)**



Photo 4. Overflow pipe on east side (looking east).



Photo 5. Graded forebay, topsoil placed on west pond crest (looking south from north end).



**PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)**

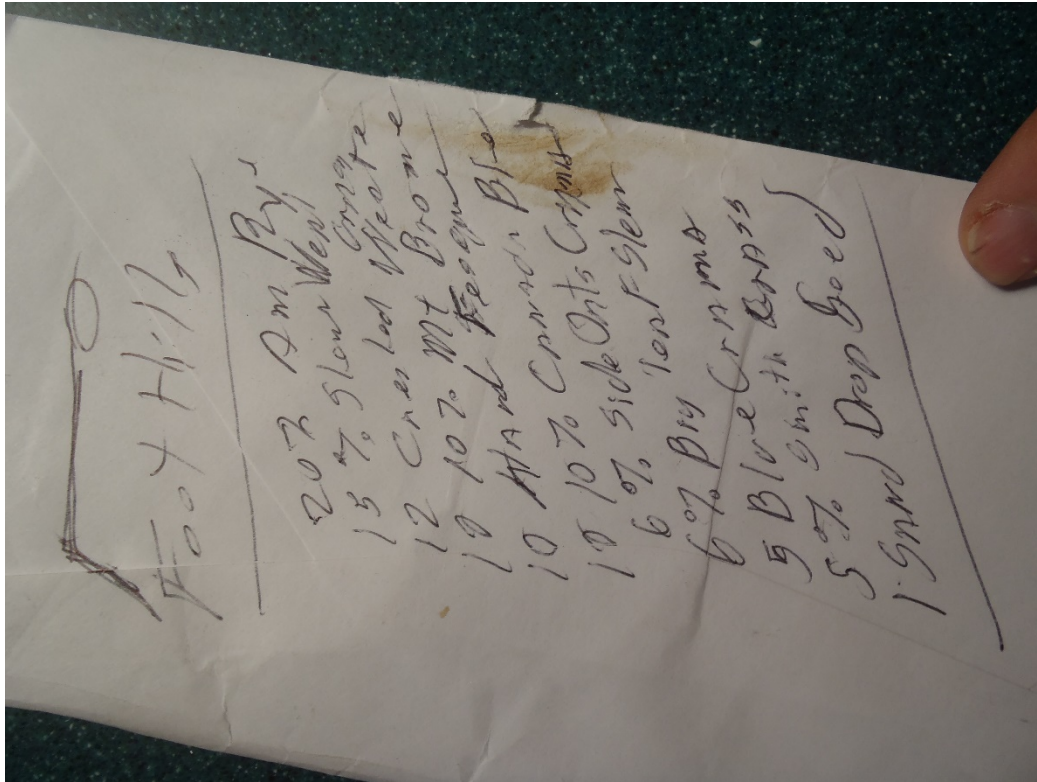


Photo 6. Foothills seed mix.



Photo 7. Topsoil placed on southeast pond crest (looking SW, interior markers are high water level).

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