




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.

MINE NAME: Walsenburg Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2000-092	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Huerfano
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: May 26, 2021	INSP. TIME: 10:45
OPERATOR: City of Walsenburg	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Brian Lalander, Dustin Stambaugh	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Cloudy	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 2, 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>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>N</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

The Walsenburg Gravel Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. The site was previously inspected by the Division on September 26, 2017 as part of the Division's routine monitoring. Brian Lalander, Mayor of the City of Walsenburg, and Dustin Stambaugh, City Administrator, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was cloudy and calm.

The Walsenburg Gravel Pit is located in Huerfano County approximately 3 miles northeast of Walsenburg off of Highway 10. The mine is a 110 construction materials permit for 9.9 acres on property owned by the City of Walsenburg. The primary commodity that was mined at the site was gravel. The approved post-mining land use is rangeland and the land surrounding the pit is rangeland. A mine sign was posted at the mine entrance pursuant to Rule 3.1.12, although the mine sign is faded and almost illegible.

The pit was not active at the time of the inspection and it does not appear that there has been any activity at the pit for several years. The pit is being naturally reclaimed with volunteer vegetation and some annual weeds.

The city no longer wants to mine the pit and obtains all their gravel material from the county. The city would like to finish reclamation and terminate the permit. Successful reclamation at the site would consist of grading out one section of highwall to a 3H:1V slope of shallower using the remaining stockpiled material onsite. Care should be taken to minimize disturbance to the established vegetation. Once this slope has been graded the operator should seek permit release by completing the attached release form. Additionally, during regrading activities the tamarisk tree should be removed and the area graded to prevent ponding which could lead to additional tamarisk growth.

The Division was able to view some of permit boundary markers. All current mining appears to be within the permit boundaries.

The Division currently holds no financial warranty because it is a municipal operation.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

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

Inspection Contact Address

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Enclosure: Minerals Release Request

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Dustin Stambaugh, City Administrator, cityadmin@cityofwalsenburg.com

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign at entrance off of Highway 10



Photo 2: Naturally reclaimed road leading to pit



Photo 3: Looking west across the pit area from the east side, yellow arrow indicates highwall are needing grading, the tamarisk tree will also require removal



Photo 4: Looking east at naturally reclaimed areas of pit and minor stockpiles of material



Photo 5: Looking south across the pit area



Photo 6: Looking north across the pit area



Photo 7: Typical permit boundary marker and vegetation conditions outside disturbed area



Photo 8: Highwall requiring grading and tamarisk tree requiring removal

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**Division of Reclamation,
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Department of Natural Resources

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REQUEST FOR FULL OR PARTIAL RELEASE OF PERMIT AREA/SURETY REDUCTION

Please indicate if you are requesting:

FULL/FINAL RELEASE OF ENTIRE PERMITTED AREA (per Rule 4.17)

ACREAGE REDUCTION (PARTIAL RELEASE per Rule 4.17)

I wish to release _____ acres at this time.

You will need to submit with this request: a map showing the acreage to be released from the current permit and updated mining and reclamation plan maps that will accurately depict the new permit boundary if the release is approved.

SURETY (Bond) REDUCTION (per Rule 4.14)

If you are requesting a surety (bond) reduction you will need to include with this request a new estimate of the actual cost to reclaim the site based on what it would cost an independent contractor to complete reclamation, including unit costs for reclamation activities as appropriate to the operation to comply with the provisions of Rule 3.1 and the Permit's approved Reclamation Plan.

File No.: M _____

Site Name: _____

County: _____

Permittee: _____

Permittee Address: _____
(Street Address)

(City)

(State)

(Zip)



Operator (If Other than Permittee): _____

Permittee Representative: _____

Certified Mail # _____

In accordance with Rule 4.17.1(2) the Operator shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all owners of record to the affected land. Please attach additional sheets for this information if required.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone Number</u>
_____	_____	_____
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In accordance with Rule 4.17.1(4), if requesting a partial acreage release the Operator or their agent MUST sign that they have complied with the following statement: “All applicable portions of the Reclamation Plan requirements have been satisfied in accordance with these Rules and all applicable requirements under the Act.”

Signature of Permittee, Operator or their authorized agent Date

Important: In accordance with Rules 4.14.2(a) and 4.17.1(3) This release request must be submitted to the Division via certified mail and separate from any other correspondence to the Division.