




**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> Berry Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-132	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Rio Blanco
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amy Yeldell	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> May 25, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Com Mesa County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jason Burkey	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$186,149.53	
<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> June 7, 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>Y</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>Y</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>Y</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety normal monitoring program. The Berry Pit is a 112c permitted site located one mile east of Meeker, Colorado in Rio Blanco County. The permitted area is 91.21 acres, with a maximum allowed disturbance of 67.6 acres. At this time it's estimated that approximately 45 acre are disturbed. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Jason Burkey and Tyra Bartica represented Oldcastle and accompanied me on the inspection.

The mine identification sign was observed at the main entrance to the site on the locked access gate. The permit boundary was delineated by t-posts. Both the mine identification sign and permit boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12.

The site was inactive at the time of the inspection. No equipment was present on site. The scale and scale house remain on site. Fuel remains on site in a mobile tank with secondary containment. Several empty totes were located throughout the site. If the totes are no longer needed they should be removed from the site. The hot plant has since been removed from the site.

The eastern portion of the permit area remains undisturbed. Mining is progressing to the east with some reclaimed areas along the southwestern highwall. Stockpiles of asphalt millings remain on site. Several large stockpiles of various processed materials are located throughout the pit floor.

The pit is mined to approximately 40 feet deep. The active highwall is along the eastern side and is approximately 1000 linear feet and near vertical. The majority of the other highwalls in the pit are approximately a 2H: 1V. Most are a continual slope but some have an interstitial bench. Approximately half of the slopes have some sort of vegetation. The approved reclamation plan calls for slopes no greater than 2.5H: 1V so some additional grading may be needed. The pit floor is stabilized with gravel. A small pond was located along the southeast site of the permit boundary.

Overall the site appeared to be stable and in good condition. No signs of erosion were observed. The site appeared to be weed free. No problems or violations were cited in this inspection.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$186,149.53 for this site. The bond was last recalculated with SI-6 in 2017. In an effort to ensure the Financial Warranty adequately reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division will be updating the reclamation cost estimate. If the current bond is found to be insufficient the Division will send a Notice of Surety Increase under a separate cover.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo Two: Pit overview, scale and stockpiles





Photo Three: Extra totes to be removed from site.



Photo Four: Overview stockpiles







Photo Seven: Small pond on site



Photo Eight: Partially reclaimed highwalls