




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: Craig Ranch Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1986-002	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Mesa
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSP. DATE: May 26, 2021	INSP. TIME: 08:30
OPERATOR: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Com Mesa County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Tyra Bartuska	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$223,350.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 8, 2021	

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(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>PB</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>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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

The following inspection topic(s) were identified as having a **Problem (PB)**, which includes correction actions and a deadline whereby the Operator must demonstrate compliance with the conditions of the Permit and the requirements of the Act and Rules. Failure to address the corrective actions by the deadline may cause the Division to escalate the Problem to a **Possible Violation (PV)** and schedule the issue for formal hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (Board).

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule. The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road with the following: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 8/09/21

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) normal monitoring program. The Craig Ranch Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 153.4 permitted acres with approximately 14 acres currently affected. This site located approximately one mile southwest of Whitewater, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 141. Tyra Bartuska with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba Untied Companies of Mesa County represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection.

The mine identification sign was missing at the time of the inspection. This was also cited as an inspection problem in 2018 and 2015. The Operator needs to establish a more permanent means of placing a mine sign at the entrance to the permit boundary and ensure it remains in place. Failure to post a mine sign as required per Rule 3.1.12 is cited as an inspection problem. By the corrective action date listed on page two of this report provide the Division with photo documentation that a permanent mine sign has been posted at the mine entrance. The permit boundary is delineated by a wire t-post fence.

The scale has been removed from location. No scale house is located on site. No equipment, fuel or other structures are located within the permit boundary.

Several large stockpiles of crushed material are stored on the pit floor. This pit is used sporadically and was inactive at the time of the inspection. Portable equipment will be mobilized when more material is needed. Asphalt millings are on site from the last time an asphalt plant was on site. This site is approved for Intermittent

Status, the operator is still required to be active annually.

The active highwall on the northeast edge is approximately 1200 LF at 20 feet tall and near vertical highwall. Mining is progressing towards the south leaving a visual berm in place till the end.

The pit is heavily grazed. Very little vegetation remains in undisturbed areas. Upon final reclamation exclusion fencing will be necessary to establish vegetation.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$223,350 for this site. The bond was last updated in 2018 with SI-2. 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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