




**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> 15 Road Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2002-114	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Mesa
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amy Yeldell	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> May 26, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:15
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Con Mesa County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Tyra Bartuska	<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> \$854,778.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> DRMS	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> June 8, 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>N</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>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</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>N</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 (Division) normal monitoring program. The 15 Road Gravel Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 188.54 permitted acres with 53 acres actively used by mining. This site located approximately two mile northwest of Fruita, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 6. Tyra Bartuska with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection.

The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers remain in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The mine identification sign is fastened to the gate at the site entrance. A fence delineates the permit.

The scale and scale house are located near the permit entrance on the western side of the permit. Fuel tanks were observed throughout the site, all which were stored properly within secondary containments. The pit was active at the time of the inspections. The active mining is within pit 3 pit through approximately phase 3-4. Pit 3 is sloped at a 1H: 1V to near vertical slopes approximately 25 feet deep. Lots of stockpiles are on the pit floor. An inactive asphalt plant was located in the northern section of pit 3 next to the scale. Asphalt millings were on site and stored above the water table. Two settling ponds were located in the southern corner of pit 3 near the ramp to access pit 4. A crusher was operational as well as trucks hauling material off site. The crusher is located on the southern end between pits 3 and 4.

Phase 1 mining has been completed. The slopes have all been graded and the lake is completely filled with water. Vegetation appeared to be lacking. It was unclear if the area has been seeded or if weeds have invaded. Pit 4 is partially mined out through approximately phase 4. The pit is inundated (approx. 24 acres) so dewatering would be necessary prior to continuing to move north.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$854,778.00 for this site. The bond was last reviewed in 2018. 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 One: Scale and office



Photo Two: Asphalt plant and millings







Photo Five: Overview of pit 3 highwalls and stockpiles



Photo Six: settling ponds within pit 3



Photo Seven: Crusher between pits 3 and 4



Photo Eight: Reclaimed pit 1

