

## MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
Rifle Quarry	M-1985-038	Limestone (general)	Garfield
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b>	INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Surety Release Inspection	Amy Yeldell	June 2, 2021	03:00
OPERATOR:	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Pete Lien & Sons, Inc.	None	112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Surety Release Requested	None	\$10,752.72	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY	Y:
NA	DRMS	U.S.BLM	
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:	
Clear	Amy Geldell	June 9, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE Y	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>NA</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS Y	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION Y	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS Y	(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 by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) in response to the release request that was submitted by the operator on May 18, 2021. There was no representative for Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. during the inspection. Brittany Cocina from the Colorado River Valley Field Office-BLM accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division on the inspection. Photographs are included in this report to illustrate some of the conditions that were observed during this inspection.

The Rifle Quarry is a 112c permitted site that consists of 1.65 acres. It is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Rifle and is accessed from Garfield County Road 292. The quarry is currently not active and the entire site is in final reclamation phase awaiting release. No equipment or fuel is stored on site.

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 on the left side of the access road as you enter the site. The seeded access road remains a two track but is revegetated well considering the public vehicle traffic. The rocks which block access to the road remain in place and have helped greatly in detouring traffic. Overall vegetation on the site is sufficient. Some areas are patchy but that is to be expected given the lack of available topsoil. In general the site has made significant progress towards final reclamation and establishment of vegetation. Overall the site is stable with minimal erosion and weeds. If given enough time the site will eventually blend in with its surroundings.

Bases on this inspection it is determined that the Operator has successfully complied with the requirements of the Act, Rules and Regulations, and the approved Reclamation Plan, and the permit area is ready to be released from any further reclamation responsibility. The Division must first obtain concurrence from the BLM prior to issuing a decision. A decision letter will be sent under a separate cover.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

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**



