




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: Preston Pit Extension	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1980-022	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Mesa
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSP. DATE: May 26, 2021	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United C Mesa County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jason Burkey	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$69,184.43	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 9, 2021	

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

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

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</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>N</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>Y</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: 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: 8/02/21

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety normal monitoring program. The Preston Pit Extension is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 8.9 acres. This site is located approximately one mile west of Grand Junction, Colorado and accessed from Dike Road. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Jason Burkey and Tyra Monger represented United Companies.

The mine identification sign was not present during the inspection. This is cited as an inspection problem pursuant to Rule 3.1.12. Please post a mine sign at the permit entrance by the corrective action date.

On site there was discussion as to the sites eligibility for release or remaining reclamation tasks necessary. The path moving forward towards release was outlined. In general the approved reclamation plan calls for a pond with slopes no steeper than 3H:1V. A perimeter road is permitted to stay as well as two buildings on the northeast side of the pit. Generally all areas outside of the water are to be rangeland.

Currently the lake portion was released in 2018 under AR-1. The northern pond banks adjacent to the perimeter road and processing areas are 1H: 1V. These slopes are generally clear of vegetation. They will need to be contoured to 3H: 1V or less and with the approved seed mix.

The northwest side appears to have had no reclamation conducted to date. It is currently being used as a storage area. There are several stockpiles that need to be removed or distributed. Note that asphalt cannot be placed where it may come into contact with the water table. Two abandoned single wide trailers were observed on site.

As well as boats, scrap equipment, connex and other miscellaneous stuff. The site needs to be void of all refuse prior to completing final reclamation.

Lastly Tamarisk and Russian Olive were observed throughout the site. The Division acknowledges that the site is the sink not source but management is required none the less. The operator is encouraged to aggressively manage for noxious weeds throughout the reclamation process to avoid delay in release due to infestations.

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