




**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> Latham - Burkett Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1983-013	<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> 14:00
<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> \$41,884.00	
<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 15, 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----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</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>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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) normal monitoring program. The Latham-Burkett Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 140.7 permitted acres. This site is located approximately one mile south of DeBeque, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 6. The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$41,884.00 for this site. Jason Burkey and Tyra Bartuska with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division on the inspection.

The mine identification sign was not present, the frame in which it was previously posted was observed. The affected area boundary markers remain in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. A wire fence delineates the permit.

This site was inactive at the time of the inspection. It has been in final reclamation since 2015. To date no acreage has been released. With the exception of implementing a noxious weed management plan (TR-1) the mining and reclamation plans have not been revised since 1993 with the approval of AM-1. The pre and post mining land use is wildlife habitat. The full extent was not completely mined out as proposed. Under AM-1 mining was to create one large lake (approx. 63 ac) with two islands on the northern side and a small lake (approx. 2 ac) in the northwest corner. AM-1 also approved 20.7 acres to remain stabilized (no revegetation) for agricultural storage.

Today the site consists of four smaller ponds in the northern area. The total pond surface area exposed is less than 63 acres. The southern area appears to never have been mined and rather used for stockpile storage. This area is approximately 18 acres. There is another smaller parking area between the southeastern lakes that is approximately 2 acres.

Reclamation on site is nearly completed. In the stockpile area a few stockpiles remains in addition to concrete blocks that needs to be removed. There is a stockpile in the northeast corner of the permit. It is unclear if this is within the permit boundary and needing to be removed or if it is on city property and to remain.

Overall vegetation around the ponds appears to be stable and diverse. Some weeds (Russian thistle and Tamarisk) were observed. If these areas were reclaimed prior to 2005 they are grandfathered in. Otherwise all state listed noxious weeds need to be treated accordingly.

The large majority of the site complies with the final reclamation plan. The operator is encouraged to finish remaining reclamation tasks and seek release. Alternatively a partial acreage reduction may also be applicable at this time.

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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