




**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> Blair Mesa Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1996-082	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel and borrow for construction	<b>COUNTY:</b> Rio Blanco
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amy Yeldell	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 4, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Concrete 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> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$114,211.72	
<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 21, 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>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>N</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>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>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>Y</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</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 Blair Mesa Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 40 permitted acres. This site is located approximately 27 miles east of Rangely, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 6. The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$114,211.12 for this site. 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 present and the affected area boundary markers remain in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. A wire fence delineates the permit.

The site is in final reclamation. The site was active at the time of the inspection and crews were observed completing civil work. Grading is nearly complete. What sloped have been contoured thus far are less than a 3H: 1V and blend well with surrounding topography. Some stockpiled have yet to be graded. Any excess material can be graded out flat to blend in. There is a stockpile of asphalt that will need to be removed from site.

All mining related infrastructure has been removed from site. Only the equipment currently being used for reclamation and a mobile fuel tank in secondary containment remain on site.

It is anticipated that seeding will occur this fall. Once revegetation takes place a minimum of two growing seasons is required prior to evaluating reclamation for success. While awaiting release weeds shall be managed to ensure that reclamation success is not inhibited.

No problems or violations were cited in this report.

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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