




**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> Burnham Property Borrow	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2021-019	<b>MINERAL:</b> Aggregate	<b>COUNTY:</b> Weld
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety-Related Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Patrick Lennberg	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 9, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Ames Construction, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Damien Chavarria, Steve Lange	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 111 - Construction by Government Agency	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> No Bond Held	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 12, 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>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</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>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</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**

The Burnham Property Borrow Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of a full release request, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on June 11, 2021. The permit for this site was approved and issued in April 2021. Damien Chavarria and Steve Lange with Ames Construction Company accompanied me during the release inspection. The weather was clear and calm.

The Burnham Property Borrow Pit is located in Weld County approximately 6.8 miles northeast of Wellington, Colorado. The mine is a 111 construction materials permit for 15.5 acres. The primary commodity that is mined at the site is aggregate material for construction activities for the City of Fort Collins. The approved post-mining land use is rangeland.

Per Rule 4.17.2(1) the Division sent notice of the release request to the Weld County Commissioners, Weld County Planning Department, the West Greeley Conservation District and the landowner. The Division did not receive any comments from the noticed parties. The Operator has requested the full release of the permitted area.

After permit issuance Weld County demanded a change in the orientation of the western haul road exiting to Colorado Road 110. This change occurred after the operator initiated mining activities related to the approved permit haul road. Since the new haul road alignment would require adding acreage to the approved permit and 111 permits do not allow for acres to be added to an already approved permit, the operator permitted a new 111 (M2021-031) over the old permit (M2021-019) and included the new haul road alignment. All areas affected by mining under M2021-019 are now covered by permit M2021-031.

Based on observations made during this inspection the request for full release of the permitted area will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303)866-3567 ext. 8114 or email at [patrick.lennberg@state.co.us](mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

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## PHOTOGRAPHS



**Photo 1:** Looking west from pit, haul trucks on Weld County approved haul road leaving pit, arrow points to haul road affected prior to county realignment request



**Photo 2:** Current mining activities being performed under M2021-031





**Photo 3:** Lighter colored material in center of picture will be the last material removed prior to beginning reclamation



**Photo 4:** Darker material to the right of picture is going to be incorporated into reclamation as a growth medium