




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: Shults Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2000-073	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Rio Blanco
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSP. DATE: August 9, 2021	INSP. TIME: 14:00
OPERATOR: Shults Ranch LLLP	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Lonnie Shults	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$9,172.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 16, 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>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>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>NA</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</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>NA</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 Shults Gravel Pit is a 110c permitted site that includes a total of 9.9 permitted acres. The site is located twelve mile west of Meeker, Colorado and is accessed from County Road 127. Lonnie and Todd Shults represented the operator and accompanied Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection.

The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. A signs was attached to the gate was posted at the permit entrance. The permit boundary is delineated by a fence.

The pit was inactive at the time of the time of the inspection. The site is done excavating and processing new material but stockpiles remain on site. No equipment, fuel, buildings, etc. were present on site. Remaining stockpiles are neatly stored according to size class with little to no signs of erosion. Only the perimeter highwall remains. The pit is generally excavated 15 to 4 feet below grade at a sloped to a 2H: 1V. There are two excavation areas bisected by a small ravine. The western site is the main pit with stockpiled material and where processing occurred. The eastern pit is a small bowl approximately 100 by 200 feet. Topsoil is stockpiled on the south side of the main pit above the highwall. Upon final reclamation the pit floor will remain stabilized with gravel for future agricultural use and only the slopes will be revegetated. The entire pit also has a small berm around it. Some nuisance weeds were present, mostly Russian Thistle. Common Mullen was present in a few locations but was not of concern.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$9,172.00 for this site. The bond was last recalculated with SR-1 in 2017. In an effort to ensure that the Financial Warranty adequately, reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division has updated the reclamation cost estimate and found the current bond sufficient to complete reclamation.

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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