




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: State Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1990-112	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Pueblo
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: August 26, 2021	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jodi Schrieber	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Priority	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$503,234.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 2, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</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>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 State Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed in response to a Citizen Complaint (CT-4) received by the Division on July 9, 2021. The site was previously inspected by the Division on January 15, 2020 in response to a surety related item. Jodi Schreiber accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was warm and the sky was clear.

The State Pit is a Construction Materials 112c Operation and is permitted at 1,046 acres with 755 acres identified as affected land. The State Pit is located on land owned and controlled by the State of Colorado and is managed by the Colorado State Board of Land Commissioners (State Land Board). The site is located approximately 2.8 miles south of Vineland in Pueblo County and the entrance to the site along 36th Lane. Affected lands will be reclaimed to support a post-mining land use of rangeland.

On July 9, 2021 the Division received a Citizen Complaint that weed control was not being appropriately implemented at the State Pit site. The Division sent the operator a Notice of Formal Complaint on July 12, 2021 directing them to respond to the complaint. The operator responded August 5, 2021 indicating the operator had implemented their approved weed control program and mowed the areas where there tall stands of vegetation. At that time the operator communicated to the Division that weeds outside permit boundary along 36th Lane were under the control of Pueblo County and those had not been managed yet. The Division sent the complainant a letter indicating weed management had been done along with photographic documentation. The complainant responded on August 13, 2021 stating the photos did not accurately represent site conditions, so the Division performed its own inspection of the site for weed management specific topics.

At the site entrance the areas to the south had been mowed and the vegetation consisted of mostly native grass with a few annual weeds. The complainant stated that Kochia was a major problem at the site. Kochia was present mainly outside the fence along 36th Lane right-of-way, scattered on the side slopes of product stockpiles and in an area that is planned for seeding later this year. Kochia is an annual weed that is common in rangelands, disturbed areas, roadsides and ditchbanks. Kochia is not a listed noxious weed in Colorado. Also, the complainant expressed concern that large stands of Kochia represented a fire hazard at the site. The Division does not have jurisdiction over fire mitigation measures that responsibility would be under the rural fire district or similar. Most of the Kochia present at the site had been mowed where it was accessible.

The inspector did note the right-of-ways bordering the site did have large stands of Kochia. It appears that mowing operations had recently taken place but stands of Kochia were still common. Additionally, Kochia was noted in the various properties around the site that support grazing, agriculture, and rural residential.

The Division determined that the State Pit is not acting as a source for Kochia or other weeds to the surrounding areas.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

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

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign at mine entrance location



Photo 2: Looking south from the mine entrance, road at the center right of picture is 36th Lane



Photo 3: Partially mowed right-of-way along permit boundary



Photo 4: Kochia along mowed right-of-way across 36th Lane from State Pit



Photo 5: Typical conditions within permit boundary



Photo 6: Kochia on stockpile



Photo 7: Typical vegetation in reclaimed areas



Photo 8: Kochia on stockpile



Photo 9: Kochia in an area to be seeded



Photo 10: Typical conditions on the west side of processing area