




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: Cooper Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-568	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Saguache
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapl	INSP. DATE: August 18, 2021	INSP. TIME: 10:35
OPERATOR: Saguache County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 9, 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>NA</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>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</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 Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Saguache County Cooper Pit is located approximately seven miles west of Center and accessed from CR 41. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 80 permitted acres. Pursuant to Rule 4.1.2(2) no financial warranty is required for this site.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by fencing that was clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

Approximately 40 acres are currently disturbed at the site. There is a maintenance building located near the site entrance, and a batch plant area in the central part of the disturbed area. An excavated pit area is located on the east side of the plant area. Materials stockpiles are located around the plant area and within the pit area. Fuels in the plant area are stored in adequate secondary containment structures. Highwalls in the pit area appear to be approximately 15-20 feet high and are left at approximately 2H:1V.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188.



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