




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: Valco T Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-043	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Las Animas
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Jared Ebert	INSP. DATE: October 12, 2021	INSP. TIME: 14:30
OPERATOR: Larry and Christine Tortorice	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Larry and Christine Tortorice	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$48,000.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Raining	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 19, 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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</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>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This was a follow-up inspection of the Valco T Pit, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS or Division) permit number M-2004-043, operated by Larry and Christine Tortorice. I, Jared Ebert with DRMS conducted the inspection. Mr. and Mrs. Tortorice accompanied me during the inspection. The permittee submitted a request to enter into temporary cessation (TC2). I had previously conducted an inspection on September 13, 2021 to evaluate the condition of the site and to determine if DRMS would support the permittee's request to temporarily cease operations at the site. During the September 13, 2021 inspection two problems were cited regarding the mine identification sign and the permit boundary markers. This inspection was conducted to determine if the permittee has complied with the corrective actions.

Mr. Tortorice showed me where each of the boundary markers were located at the site. A map with the Division's findings is enclosed. All of the boundary markers were marked with a survey pin and a T-post except for the southwest corner marker that Mr. Tortorice showed me. The southwest corner marker was marked with a T-Post only (See Map, Point #4). Using ArcOnline, the Division geo-referenced the approved permit boundary map. All of the markers appear to be correctly placed with the exception of the southwest corner marker. The southwest corner marker appears to be placed farther east than the approved location. I navigated to where the southwest corner marker should be located and I found a survey pin that is likely the location of the approved southwest corner (See Map, Point #5). I placed a pile of rocks adjacent to this survey marker. After the inspection I spoke to Mrs. Tortorice and informed them of the correct location of the southwest corner marker. She affirmed that they would place the southwest marker in the correct location. On October 18, 2021, the Operator provided documentation to me that they placed a new t-post in the correct location of the southwest corner marker.

The mine entrance sign has been replaced and appears to be in compliance with Rule 3.1.12.

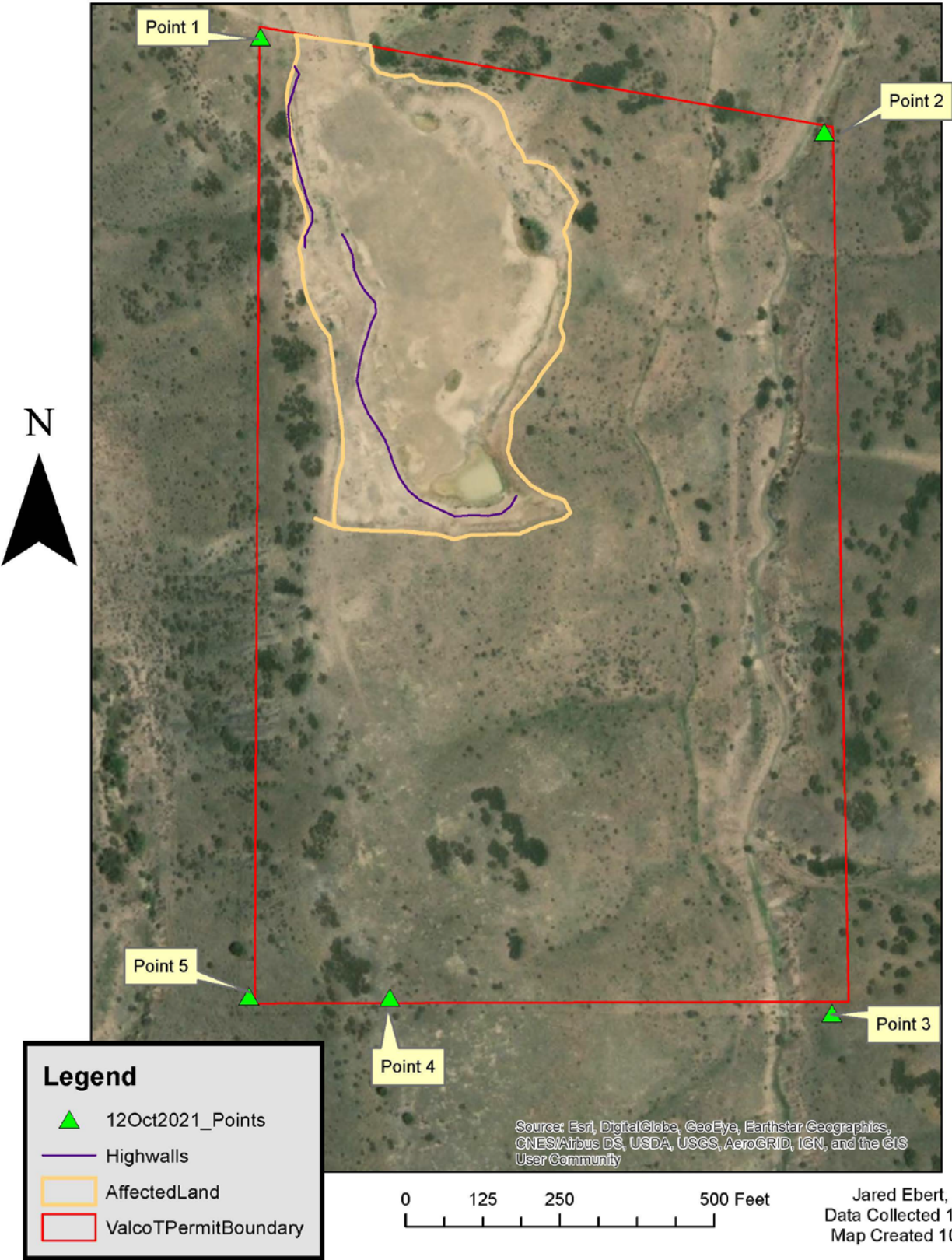
The Division will consider the corrective actions from the September 13, 2021 inspection complied with. The Division will schedule a hearing before the Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) during the December 15 and 16, 2021 MLRB meeting for consideration of the TC2 request.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1. The southwest survey marker.

Valco T Pit, M-2004-043, October 12, 2021 Inspection



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Enclosure: None

CC: None