

# MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:		
Blue Grass Gravel Pit		M-2008-001	Sand, and gravel	Pueblo		
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b>		INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:		
Surety-Related Inspection		Patrick Lennberg	October 26, 2021	10:00		
OPERATOR:		<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERATION:			
EWSD I, LLC		John Sliman	112c - Construction Regular Operation			
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:			
Surety Related		Complete Bond	\$20,700.00			
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:			
NA		None	None			
WEATHER:	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE DATE:			
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### **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 Y	(RD) ROADS <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING Y	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES N	(TS) TOPSOIL <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION N
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS Y	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(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 Blue Grass Gravel Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed in response to a Succession of Operators application (Revision No. SO-4) that was received by the Division on July 19, 2021. The site was previously inspected by the Division on June 1, 2018 as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. The weather was clear and windy.

The Blue Grass Gravel Pit is a Construction Material Regular 112c Operation Reclamation Permit and is approved to affect 323 acres of land. Affected lands will be reclaimed to support a developed water resource post-mining land use. The site is located nine miles east of Pueblo, Colorado. The site consists of two main areas, an east and a west pivot fields proposed to be mined and developed into water reservoirs. The site has not initiated excavation activities since the permit has been issued and was previously a hemp farm but now is transitioning to general agriculture. The only mining activity that appears to have been in an area, approximately 18 acres in size, where topsoil had been stripped in 2010 in preparation of excavation. This area, located in the southern portion of the eastern half of the permit, has now had the topsoil replaced and is vegetated.

The permit area is surrounded by barbed wire fencing. New mine signs are in the process of being made and will be posted at the mine entrance once completed. The area has annual weeds volunteering into the permit area due to recent inactivity at the farm. Mr. Sliman indicated the weeds would be mitigated as the farm renewed operation.

The Division evaluated the financial warranty and determined the current bond amount held by the Division is adequate at this time.

Based on observations made during this inspection the Division will approve SO-4. Approval documentation will come under a separate cover letter.

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

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#### PERMIT #: M-2008-001 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: JPL INSPECTION DATE: October 26, 2021

### **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: Looking west along the northern boundary of the 2010 disturbance



Photo 2: Looking south across the 2010 disturbance



Photo 3: Looking north from the 2010 disturbance to the pivot field



Photo 4: Looking east along the northern boundary of the 2010 disturbance, Pueblo East Pit (M2000-041) in background

