

# 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:
Bronco Plains Wind Farm		M-2019-044	Gravel	Cheyenne
INSPECTION TYPE:		INSPECTOR(S):	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Surety Release Inspection		Eric Scott	November 4, 2021	11:30
OPERATOR:		OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Blattner Energy, Inc.			110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION:		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Surety Release Requested		None	No Bond Held	
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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY NA	(RD) ROADS <u>NA</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING NA	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES NA	(TS) TOPSOIL $\underline{Y}$
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- NA	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>NA</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN NA	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE NA	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION $\underline{\mathbf{Y}}$	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS NA	(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

PERMIT #: M-2019-044 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: ECS INSPECTION DATE: November 4, 2021

#### **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted by Eric Scott (DRMS) as a result of a surety release request for the permit. The surety release (SL1) was received by DRMS on September 29, 2021, and DRMS mailed the required release notices on September 30, 2021. No comments or objections to the release request have been received by the Division to-date. Permittee (Blattner Energy) representative Cole Stocker was notified of the inspection, but was unable to attend. The landowner, Mr. Christopher Bledsoe, was present for the inspection. The Bronco Plains Wind Farm site is accessed from the intersection of Cheyenne Co Rd GG (a.k.a Kit Carson Co Rd A) and Cheyenne Co Rd 6. The site entrance is approximately 0.5 miles south of this intersection and about 18 miles due south of Flagler.

The site was a 110c sand and gravel mine, but has been fully reclaimed at this time. The site sloping was stable with no erosion and blended well into the surrounding landscape. The reclamation grasses are becoming well established, and the landowner supports the release of the permit at this time. See attached photos for representative site conditions at the time of this inspection. DRMS will approve the full release of the permit. The release will be final and the financial and performance warranties returned to the Permittee when the 30 day appeal period expires (assuming no objections are received).

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

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## PHOTOGRAPHS – representative site conditions at time of release inspection







