




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: Pueblo West Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-573	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Pueblo
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: October 26, 2021	INSP. TIME: 08:00
OPERATOR: Continental Materials Corporation	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jerry Schnabel, Kent Ricken, Bruce Humphries	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$343,323	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: November 10, 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>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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>N</u>	

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

OBSERVATIONS

The Pueblo West Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of a surety reduction request, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.14, received by the Division on October 21, 2021. The site was previously inspected by the Division on October 17, 2019 as part of acreage reduction request. Jerry Schnabel and Bruce Humphries, representing the operator, and Kent Ricken, representing the landowner accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was clear and warm.

Per Rule 4.17.2(1) the Division sent notice of the release request to the Pueblo County Commissioners, Pueblo Planning Director, the Turkey Creek Soil Conservation District and the landowner, Colorado Water Protective and Development Association (CWPDA). The Division did not receive any comments from the noticed parties during the comment period.

The mine site has not been active except for activities associated with reclamation. The surety reduction request is to release surety to account for reclamation completed to date. The operator also submitted a Technical Revision (TR-6) to update the reclamation seeding mix to one better suited for the location and allow for the maintenance road around the reservoir to remain after reclamation is complete. TR-6 was approved November 6, 2021. Currently, the operator is mowing areas where kochia is overgrowing areas and preparing for the new seeding mix to be drilled in. The previous seeding mix did not take very well at the site in 2018 for a variety reasons. The site is 122.1 acres in total with 30.1 acres makes up the shoreline area, include the road, and the rest of the area is reservoir. It should be noted, there is an island in the reservoir that is composed of topsoil material. Up until recently the topsoil island was to remain after mining and TR-6 originally included this change. However CWPDA is going to sell the material in the near future.

The surety reduction request was to reduce the bond amount to \$100,000. The Division estimates \$50,000 is needed to reclaim the site, a reduction of \$293,323 for the currently held amount of \$343,323. Therefore the reduction request for the permit will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the reduction request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

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 entrance



Photo 2: Typical shoreline conditions



Photo 3: Typical conditions outside of the shoreline on the southwestern portion of reservoir



Photo 4: Typical shoreline conditions along the northern side of reservoir, conditions are similar outside of the shoreline



Photo 5: Topsoil island center of photo



Photo 6: Conditions along the eastern portion of the reservoir



Photo 7: Looking east towards the mine entrance area



Photo 8: Looking along the area adjacent to the river where vegetation is becoming established