




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: Schneller Clay Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1989-095	MINERAL: Clay (general)	COUNTY: Phillips
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Brock Bowles	INSP. DATE: December 17, 2019	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Phillips County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mike Salyards	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: January 16, 2020

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Reclamation Success

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: Problem: Mining at the Schneller Clay Pit has been complete for over five years and the Operator has failed to complete reclamation. Rule 3.1.3 states that all reclamation shall be carried to completion within 5 years from the date the operator informs the Division that mining is complete.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall submit a Reclamation Schedule to the Division within 60 days of this report (March 16, 2020), with all reclamation scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2020. Please see the inspection narrative for specific requirements of this Reclamation Schedule.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 3/16/20

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted by Brock Bowles and DJ Cunningham of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Mike Salyards and Kevin Scott of Phillips County (Operator) were present for the inspection. The Schneller Clay Pit is located about 9 miles southeast of Holyoke, Colorado. The site is an active 112c operation with 19.8 acres permitted and the post-mining land use is pastureland. This inspection was carried out as a part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. At the time of the inspection it was cold, clear and the ground was partly snow covered.

The mine entrance sign was in place. The permit boundary markers were in place along the eastern and southern boundaries. The permit boundary along the west and northern boundaries was a fence that was in good condition.

Multiple topsoil stockpiles were located south and west of the pit. The piles were well vegetated.

No mining activities were occurring during the time of the inspection and no equipment was on site. There was no evidence of recent mining or reclamation activities observed. The pit appears to have not been active for a long time due to the abundance of volunteer vegetation growing on the pit slopes and floor. The November 2019 annual report notes that the last excavation was March 2012. As per Rule 3.1.3, all reclamation shall be carried to completion within 5 years from the date the operator has ceased mining. Please see the corrective action section of this report for more information. The Division requires the Operator to submit a Reclamation Schedule to the Division within 60 days of this report and that all reclamation activities be completed no later than June 30, 2020. For details of the reclamation plan, refer to Exhibit E of the 2014 version of the permit.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Entrance sign from County Road 49



Looking north, one topsoil pile in foreground, pit in background

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>PB</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 and found in compliance / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

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