




**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> LA Methodist Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1995-008	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Fremont
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety-Related Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Timothy Cazier, P.E.	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> December 2, 2021	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 13:40
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> John Paul Ary & Jodi Schreiber	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Related	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$5,000.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> January 19, 2022	

**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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>Y</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</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**

This was an impromptu monitoring inspection requesting an assessment of the repairs to the eroded reclamation observed during the March 20, 2019 inspection. This site is located between Fremont Paving's Buss Barrow site (M-2019-021) inspected just prior to this inspection and Fremont Paving's Penrose Pit (M-1987-131) which was visited immediately after this inspection. Both those inspection reports are to be completed independent of this report.

Mr. John Paul Ary and Ms. Jodi Schreiber represented the Permittee (Fremont Paving & Redi-Mix) during the inspection. The LA Methodist Pit site is located approximately one half mile north of Florence, on the east side of Highway 67 and is in final reclamation.

Availability of Records: Annual fees are paid through April 2021. The previous inspection was on March 20, 2019. The approved post-mine land use is rangeland. There are no open infractions. Both the surface and minerals are privately owned.

Backfilling and Grading: The erosion gullies cited in the previous inspection report were observed to have been repaired (see **Photos 1 and 2**).

Financial Warranty: The DRMS currently holds a \$5,000 bond. As the site appeared releasable from reclamation liability at the time of the inspection, the bond is considered adequate.

Fish and Wildlife: No impact to wildlife was observed. A game trail was observed.

Hydrologic Balance: No standing water was observed in the pit and no exposed groundwater was observed.

Gen. Compliance with Mine Plan: Active mining has not taken place for several years. According to annual reports, the site has been in final reclamation since 2014.

Processing Waste: No processing waste was observed.

Right of Entry: The site is owned by the Permittee.

Reclamation Success: Reclamation appeared satisfactory at the time of the inspection.

Revegetation: Revegetation was observed to be diverse and appeared well established (see **Photo 3**). No noxious weeds were observed.

Sediment Control: No erosion problems were observed. Straw wattles were observed still in place (see **Photo 4**) from the repair of the erosion issues cited during the previous inspection. Fremont Paving provided photographic evidence on December 23<sup>rd</sup> that the wattles had been removed (see **Photo 5**).

Signs and Markers: The permit sign was properly posted (see **Photo 6**).

Storm Water MGT Plan: No oil or fuel spills observed.

The DRMS encourages Fremont Paving to request a release from reclamation liability for this site. Please contact Tim Cazier (303)328-5229 or email at [tim.cazier@state.co.us](mailto:tim.cazier@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.



## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1. West facing slope with repaired erosion gullies (looking south).



Photo 2. South facing slope with repaired erosion gullies (looking south, note straw wattle).



**PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)**



Photo 3. Typical diverse, well established vegetation & straw wattle (east side, looking west).



Photo 4. Typical straw wattles needing removal (looking SW).



**PHOTOGRAPHS (cont.)**



Photo 5. Used straw wattles loaded up for disposal (image provided by Fremont Paving 12/23/21).



Photo 6. Permit sign at entrance.

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