




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: Pickard Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2012-048	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Kit Carson
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Elliott Russell	INSP. DATE: November 9, 2021	INSP. TIME: 10:45
OPERATOR: Kit Carson County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Dave Hornung	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: N/A	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: December 9, 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>Y</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>Y</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>N</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

PROBLEMS/POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS

None observed during the inspection.

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division or DRMS) routine monitoring program for permitted operations. Elliott Russell, with the Division, conducted the inspection. Dave Hornung, representing Kit Carson County (Operator), accompanied the Division on the inspection.

The Pickard Pit operation is a Construction Materials 110c Permit and is permitted at 9.9 acres. Affected lands will be reclaimed to support a Cropland post-mining land use. The site is located approximately 2.6 miles northeast of Vona, Colorado in Kit Carson County. The site consists of a single excavation area with a large processing area where multiple screened stockpiles of product were located. The site was not active at the time of the inspection, however there was one front-end loader on site and the Division observed evidence of recent mining activity.

Availability Of Records: The anniversary date of the permit is February 5th of each year. The 2020-2021 Annual Report, Map, and Fee was submitted and accepted on January 13, 2021. The previous inspection was on March 27, 2017. There are no open infractions.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan: The Operator appears to have been following the approved mine plan. The Operator indicated that the footprint of the mine is approaching the maximum size and therefore will need to excavate and lower the current pit floor area's elevation to acquire more material.

Revegetation: No noxious weed infestation were observed during the inspection

Sediment Control: No erosion problems were observed and no BMPs are needed at this time.

Signs and Markers: The permit sign was properly posted and t-post markers were observed to delineate the permit boundary.

Topsoil: Topsoil had been salvaged and stockpiled in various locations around the site.

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report; a subset of photographs taken during the time of the inspection are included below. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at elliott.russell@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. Site overview from County Road W; looking northeast.

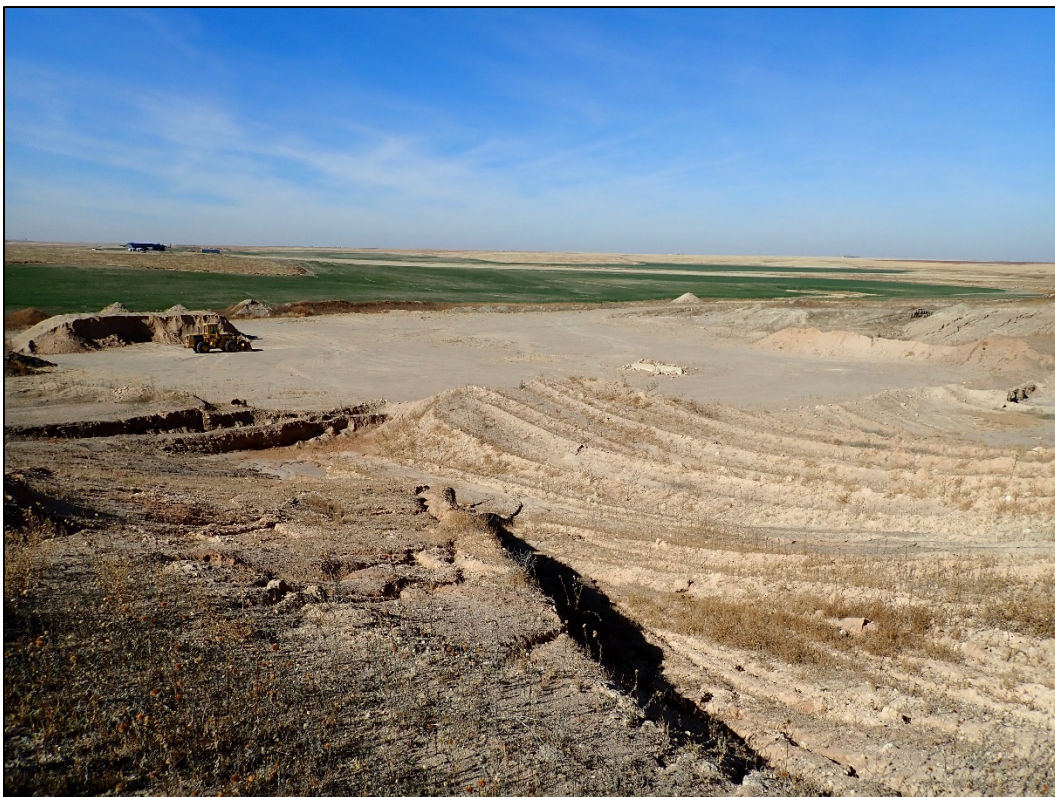


Photo 2. Site overview; looking northwest.



Photo 3. Southern portion of excavation; looking west.



Photo 4. Eastern portion of excavation; looking north.



Photo 5. Site overview; looking southeast.

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