




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-Related Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSP. DATE: March 15, 2022	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Colorado Water Protective and Development	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Bruce Humphries Kent Ricken	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Related	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$50,000.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: March 20, 2022

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: Sign

PROBLEM: The mine identification sign needs to be updated to reflect the new Operator. This is a problem for failure to post an accurate mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule. The Operator shall, update the mine sign with the name of the new Operator.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall submit photo documentation that the mine sign has been updated by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 5/04/22

OBSERVATIONS

The Pueblo West Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg, Connor Drinkard, and Nikie Gagnon with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed in response to a Succession of Operators application (SO-4) received by the Division on April 27, 2021. The site was previously inspected by the Division on October 26, 2021 as part of surety reduction request. Kent Ricken and Bruce Humphries, representing the Operator accompanied us during the inspection. The weather was clear.

The site is an 112c Construction Materials permit for 122.08 acres for the mining of sand and gravel. The permit is on property owned by the Operator Colorado Water Protective and Development Agency (CWPDA). The site entrance is located approximately 5 miles west of downtown Pueblo immediately east of the Pueblo Reservoir dam. The approved post-mining land use is developed water resources. A mine sign while posted at the mine entrance pursuant to Rule 3.1.12 but is no longer accurate and needs to be updated. The inaccurate mine sign has been cited as a problem in this report. The clay lined reservoir passed the State Engineer's Leak Test and was approved in September 2006. The reservoir was first filled to capacity in 2018.

The site was not active at the time of inspection. It was noted the vegetation around the reservoir had been mowed late last year and it appeared some seeding may have occurred. The Division discussed with the Operator removing the topsoil island in the reservoir to create additional storage volume and generate some income. While it is still a possibility the current fuel costs make moving the topsoil unlikely in the near term. Moving forward on the site the Operator will continue to manage weeds through the year and plan to reseed in October with the new approved seed mixture.

The Succession of Operators application was approved and issued on February 11, 2022 to CWPDA.

The Division evaluated the financial warranty and determined the current bond amount of, \$50,000, is adequate at this time.

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 that needs to be updated



Photo 2: Mowing and seeding area that occurred towards the end of 2021



Photo 3: Remaining topsoil islands, circled yellow, that may be removed from reservoir



Photo 4: Reservoir conditions looking east

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>Y</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>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>PB</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