




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: Hocker Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-063	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSP. DATE: March 9, 2022	INSP. TIME: 16:42
OPERATOR: Hocker Construction, LLP	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$26,676.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 12, 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>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>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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</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 inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The Hocker Pit is an active 112(c) permit located in La Plata County. The site consists of 81.7 permitted acres located just south of Highway 151 just east of Ignacio, CO at approximately 6680 Feet in elevation. Access to the site is controlled by a locked gate. The Division currently holds \$26,676.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A Reclamation Cost Estimate Update was not performed as a result of this inspection, however a follow up inspection and cost estimate update will be performed soon. Four Photos accompany this report to illustrate current site conditions.

Proper mine identification signage was posted at the entrance to the site, as seen in Photo One. The permit boundaries were clearly outlined with a mixture of T-posts, fence lines and earthen berms. All disturbances are contained within the permitted areas. The site is in similar condition to the Division's Previous Inspection. The active mining area located in phase two appeared to be stable and in good condition. The mining activity has left the slopes at approximately 3H: 1V or shallower and all slopes appear to be stable. Photo Two shows the area of activity. Several stockpiles of overburden was observed on the pit floor. All stockpiles are in good condition and appear to be stable. Photo Three shows some of the stockpiles which are well vegetated with volunteer species. Material stockpiles area noted adjacent to the haul road that runs through the site and topsoil stockpiles are located at various locations throughout the site. Although the site was not active during the inspection, several pieces of equipment were on site. An area of the site is also being used as storage for trailers and various scrap items, which are being stored in a neat and orderly fashion. This is not being considered a problem at this time.

Several areas throughout the site, approximately 12 acres, has undergone reclamation. The grading of the area appears to be stable and no erosional features were noted. The area has also been vegetated, which is adequate in both density and diversity. The vegetation also shows signs of self-propagation with multiple years growth observed. Evidence of chemical treatment of noxious weeds was observed, and conversations with the operator indicate that the weed management plan is active and on-going.

Two areas within the site are being used for storage of construction debris. A Technical Revision was completed to allow for the importation and on site disposal of the material. Photo Four shows the area containing the debris. On site discussions with the operator indicate that he intends to recycle the metal in both areas, which includes protruding rebar from the concrete, prior to covering the piles with an earthen cap. The earthen cap will also be top soiled and revegetated upon final reclamation.

The overall footprint of the site was in good condition, and no problems or possible violations were observed on site, all responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety at Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave. Denver CO, 80216, by email at lucas.west@state.co.us or by phone at (303)-866-3567 Ext. 8187.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View south, showing the proper Mine ID Signage posted at the entrance to the site.



Photo Two: View west, showing the most recent mining area. Mining is being conducted at reclamation grade, and the area has revegetated itself with volunteer species. Also visible are some of the stockpiles located on the pit floor.



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