




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: Miller Midwest	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: P-2021-004	MINERAL: Unknown commodity	COUNTY: Mineral
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSP. DATE: May 4, 2022	INSP. TIME: 13:15
OPERATOR: GRE, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: MP - Mineral Prospecting	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$6,073.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 5, 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>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</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's Active Mines Program. The Miller Midwest Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI) is an active program located in Mineral County, approximately 3 Miles north of Creede, CO at 10,200 feet in elevation. The site consists 1 acre on the historic Midwest Mine unpatented claim in support of underground exploration of the historic workings. The site was not active during the inspection and no Operator Representative was present during the inspection. In addition to the inspector listed on page 1 of this report, Martha Williamson with the U.S. Forest Service was present during the inspection. The Division currently holds \$6,073.00 in Financial Warranty for the site. A Reclamation Cost Estimate Update was not performed as a result of this inspection. Six Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

The original NOI detailed a plan for small equipment to excavate the earthen backfill previously installed on the portal to gain access to the underground workings. Upon the determination that larger equipment was required the Operator ceased the activity and applied for a Modification to the NOI (MD-1) which has since been denied. A portion of the earthen backfill as well as the part of the portal structure has been removed as a result of the activity. The portal can be seen in Photo One. The portal and what remains of the portal appeared to be stable at the time of the inspection and no evidence of settling slumping or significant erosion was noted. Photo Two shows a greater view of the portal area, which shows the footprint of the backfilling operations previously conducted on site. The material that was removed was used to create access control berms at the two entrances to the site. An example of the stockpiled material can be seen in Photos Three. The stockpiled material appeared stable at the time of the inspection and no evidence of noxious weeds was noted on the piles, or throughout the site.

Surrounding the portal are several historic mining structures. The structures were not addressed to have any impact under the approved plan, and remain unaffected. Material removed from the portal structure was stockpiled adjacent to the portal and historic structure and can be seen in Photos Four and Five. The overall footprint of the site is in good condition and free from excessive trash and debris associated with the prospecting operation. No evidence of settling, slumping or erosion was noted throughout the site.

Based on the determinations made during the MD-1 process, the Operator must either apply for a 110(d) Mining and Reclamation Permit due to the presence of Toxic or Acid Forming materials that were confirmed by the Division's Inactive Mines Program or commence reclamation of the site and closeout of the NOI. At this time the Acid Forming Materials present have not been exposed. The Operator should notify the Division of the intention to apply for the 110(d) Permit or notification of Final Reclamation within 30 days of the date of this report.

All Responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program, Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave, Denver CO, 80216. Direct contact may be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo One: View northwest, showing the portal, excavated area and what remains of the portal structure. Also visible is the proper site ID signage posted on the portal structure.



Photo Two: View northwest, showing the greater view of the portal area and the footprint of the previous backfill area. The backfill appears stable and the excavation activities conducted appear to have no adverse effect on the surrounding material.





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