



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: Del Norte West Valley Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2001-069	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Rio Grande
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Clayton Wein	INSP. DATE: May 3, 2022	INSP. TIME: 13:05
OPERATOR: Asphalt Constructors, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Todd Stockebrand	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$70,121.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: <i>Clayton Wein</i>	SIGNATURE DATE: May 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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>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

The Del Norte West Valley Pit is a 112 construction materials operation that was inspected on May 3, 2022. The mine is located approximately 2 miles northeast of Del Norte, CO. The inspection was conducted by Clayton Wein of the Division. Todd Stockebrand of Asphalt Constructors Inc. was present for the inspection. The weather was clear and windy, with a temperature of 67 degrees F. The ground conditions were dry. The Division was contacted by Todd Stockebrand on April 15, 2022, to notify the Division that activity was going to occur in the Phase V area of the mine site. Mr. Stockebrand was concerned that the company, Asphalt Paving Southern, was placing materials in the Phase V area. Asphalt Paving Southern was paying Asphalt Constructors Inc. to mine and stockpile crushed materials for a contract with the Colorado Department of Transportation. This section of the mine has not been previously disturbed and needed to be bonded for prior to initiating mining related activities.

Topsoil:

At the time of the inspection approximately 60%-70% of the Phase V mining area had been affected by stockpiled crushed material and a gravel pad placed on top of the topsoil (Photos 1 and 2). The Phase V area is 10.3 acres in size. Discussions with Mr. Stockebrand indicated that the topsoil had not been salvaged by Asphalt Paving Southern prior to the placement of the gravel pad and stockpiled materials. The stockpiled materials were placed in two large windrows extending from south to north on the Phase V area of the mine site. The stockpiles and pad stopped approximately 100 to 150 feet short of the mine permit boundaries to the north and east (Photo 3). The Phase V area of the mine site was stable and there were no indications of erosional features or off-site impacts. All mining activities observed were within the mine permit boundary. Please See Figure 1 for the location of the activities observed during the inspection.

Problem/Possible Violation:

Topsoil located on Phase V of the mine site was not salvaged and stockpiled prior to placing stockpiles of crushed materials mined from the pit.

Corrective Actions:

The stockpiled crushed rock must be removed to allow topsoil to be salvaged in the Phase V area of the mine. The topsoil must be stockpiled and seeded with the approved temporary seed mix. Please submit photographic evidence to the Division of the completed corrective action no later than **June 8, 2022**. After the corrective action has been completed the operator must submit a technical revision to the Division to update the mine plan and associated maps. A new bond for the Phase V area of the mine site will be calculated and added to the bond amount for the Del Norte West Valley Pit.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: The eastern windrow of stockpiled material is located on the left side of the photo. The gravel pad can be seen in between the east and west windrows. The photo was taken looking to the south.

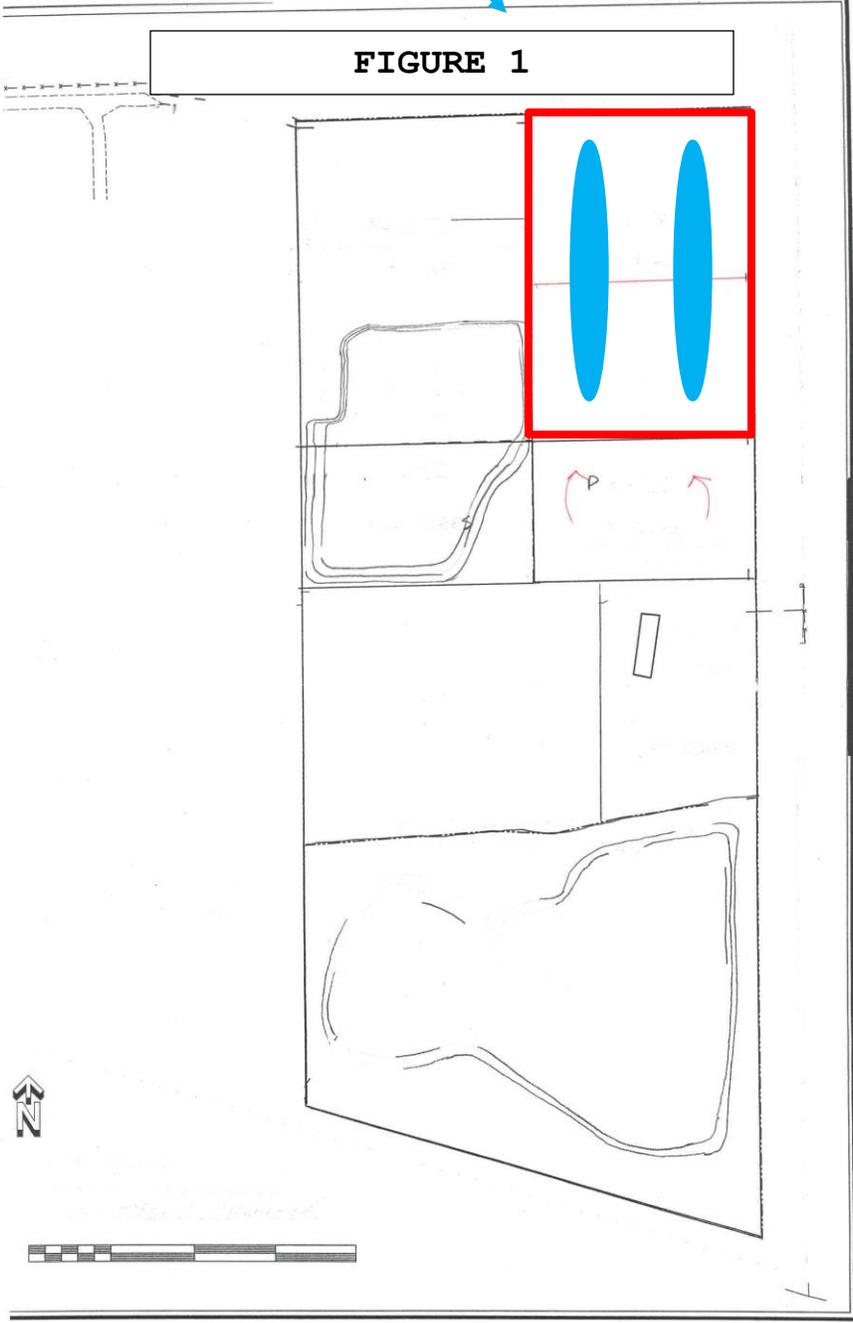


Photo 2: The western windrow of stockpiled material is located on the right side of the photo. The gravel pad noted in Photo 1 can be seen in the middle of Photo 2. The photo was taken looking to the south.



Photo 3: The Photo above was taken looking to the west-northwest at the end of the windrows on the Phase V area. The red line in the photo represents the mine site's permit boundary. There was approximately 100-150 feet of undisturbed land between the permit boundary and the disturbance created on the Phase V area of the mine site.

The red outline on the map below delineates the Phase V mining area. The area is 10.3 acres in size. The Blue ovals indicate the approximate location of the windrows of stockpiled material.



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