



## 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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Worthing Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-526	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Adams
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Nikie Gagnon	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 30, 2022	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 08:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Albert Frei & Sons Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Joel Bolduc and Ben Frei	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

  

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$230,800.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Worthing Pit was inspected by Nikie Gagnon and Jason Musick with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of acreage release request, submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on June 10, 2022. Albert Frei & Sons is requesting 11.25 acres be released, reducing the total mine permit area from 70.95 acres to 59.70 acres. The site was previously inspected by the Division on March 5, 2021 as part of an acreage release request for 91.7 acres. At that time, 10.25 acres did not have suitable vegetation growth for release and the acreage was removed from the 91.7 acre request. Ben Frei and Joel Bolduc, representing the operator, accompanied the Division during the inspection. Miles Buescher with Adams County also participated in the inspection. The weather was clear and mild.

### **Revegetation:**

Dense vegetation has established throughout the reseeded area and include a diverse mixture of native grasses. The ground showed no signs of excess erosion and was stable. Side slopes have adequate vegetative cover. Noxious weeds are well controlled. Dead plants were noted indicating recent spraying activity.

Based on observations made during this inspection the request for an acreage release of 11.25 acres will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during inspection are attached.

Please contact Nikie Gagnon (303)866-3567 ext. 8126 or email at [nikie.gagnon@state.co.us](mailto:nikie.gagnon@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Northern boundary looking south across release area.



Southern boundary looking northwest across release area.





Evidence of recent weed control.







Looking south at side slopes along road.



Vegetation on side slopes.

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