




**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> City of Las Animas Sand Excavation Area	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2012-008	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand	<b>COUNTY:</b> Bent
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Nikie Gagnon	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 14, 2022	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> City of Las Animas	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Wyatt Dowell	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 111 - Construction by Government Agency	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> No Bond Held	
<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 19, 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>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>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>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**

This was a routine monitoring inspection conducted at the City of Las Animas Sand Excavation Area. Nikie Gagnon and Jason Musick with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) conducted the inspection. Mr. Wyatt Dowell, representing the City of Las Animas, accompanied the Division during the inspection. This site is an active, 11.47 acre, 111c permit with 2 acres disturbed to date.

**Signs and Markers:** The mine identification sign was posted at the entrance and the permit boundary is marked with metal posts.

**Gen. Compliance with Mine Plan:** Mined walls were noted on the north and west edge of the permit area. Mr. Dowell indicated the City mines this site intermittently, generally in the fall to replenish stockpiles stored in town.

**Topsoil:** Topsoil is stored on the southwestern corner of the permit area. The topsoil pile was vegetated and stable.

**Revegetation:** No erosional issues were noted during the inspection. Outside the active pit, natural vegetation is established within the permit area. No patches of noxious weeds were noted.

No corrective issues were observed during this inspection. 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**



Looking northwest from access road into pit area.



Boundary marker along access road at entrance to pit area.





Looking west at mine wall.



Looking northwest at mine wall.





Mine entrance sign/boundary maker in southwestern corner of permit area.  
Arrow points to topsoil berm bordering pit.



Looking southwest, northeast corner boundary marker.  
Native vegetation within permit area.

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