



**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> Stoddard Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2022-028	<b>MINERAL:</b> Borrow material for	<b>COUNTY:</b> Otero
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Patrick Lennberg	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 26, 2022	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Stoddard Construction, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> John Stoddard	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Partial Bond	<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> August 3, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</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>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>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**

The Stoddard Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program. The permit application was recently approved and is currently awaiting warranty. John Stoddard representing the Operator, Stoddard Construction, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was clear and warm.

This is a 110c operation permitted for 9.9 acres to mine sand and gravel for road construction and maintenance. The mine is located in Otero County on land owned by Mr. Stoddard. The site is located approximately 4.5 miles south of La Junta, CO. The site can be accessed from CO-109 S to the west. The approved post-mining land use is rangeland. A mine sign has yet to be posted at the mine entrance pursuant to Rule 3.1.12 but the notice sign for the permit application was seen. The Operator stated the mine sign would be posted at the same location as the notice sign.

The site was not active at the time of inspection. As stated earlier the permit application was approved on July 21, 2022 and at the time writing this inspection report the permit was still awaiting warranty before the permit can be issued. The inspector was in the area completing inspections at other permits and had a gap in the schedule to fill, so this inspection was conducted. To date the Operator has placed permit boundary markers at the corners of the permit and grubbed out a boundary ditch along the permit boundary as a visual aid prior to beginning mining activities.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303)866-3567 ext. 8114 or email at [patrick.lennberg@state.co.us](mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Entrance to Stoddard Construction, note notice sign right of center



**Photo 2:** Road entrance from parking lot to mine area



**Photo 3:** Grubbed in visual marker for permit boundary, south end of permit



**Photo 4:** Permit boundary marker (arrow) west side of permit area, looking north



**Photo 5:** Permit boundary marker from above, looking east



**Photo 6:** Typical existing vegetation conditions at the site.

