




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: Shipps Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1978-102	MINERAL: Sand and Gravel	COUNTY: Weld
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	INSPECTOR(S): Eric Scott	INSP. DATE: August 3, 2022	INSP. TIME: 13:00
OPERATOR: Shipps Farms L.P.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Debbie Shipps, Jim Cozad	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$7,711.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 4, 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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>NA</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>NA</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>NA</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>NA</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

OBSERVATIONS

This was a full release inspection (SL1) for the Shipps Pit permit, a 9.4 acre 110c sand and gravel operation, conducted by Eric Scott of DRMS. DRMS met permittee representatives Jim Cozad and Debbie Shipps on-site and observed the site with them at approximately 13:00. The site identification sign was observed at the existing south site entrance location (photo 1). Full release of the permit was requested on June 29, 2022. Release request notifications were mailed by the Division on June 29, 2022, and to-date no objections to the release request have been received.

The approximately 4 acre affected area has been sloped, graded, and seeded for final reclamation. Reclamation grasses have established over the disturbed area (see attached photos) and the slopes are stable with no evidence of erosion. The small area of exposed groundwater noted during a previous inspection has been backfilled, graded and revegetated. The current reclamation is in compliance with the approved plan at this time. Representative photos of site conditions have been attached to this report (photos 2-5).

DRMS will therefore approve the final release of the 9.4 acre permitted area at this time. The reclamation bond will be returned to the permittee when the 30 day appeal period for the release decision has expired.

Inspection Contact Address

Debbie Shipps
Shipps Farms L.P.
17164 WCR 100
Nunn, CO 80648

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 - Site identification sign near south entrance to permit area.



Photo 2 - Photos 2-5 are representative site conditions at the time of the release inspection.



Photo 1



Photo 4



Photo 5



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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

August 4, 2022

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Nunn, CO 80648

**Re: Shipps Pit - File No. M-1978-102
Shipps Farms L.P.
Surety Release Request (SL-1)
Final Release Request**

Dear Debbie Shipps:

On August 4, 2022 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety concluded its review of the Surety Release Request application submitted to the Division on June 29, 2022, addressing the following:

Full Release of Permit and Reclamation Bond

The decision reached by the Division is: Approve.

I am pleased to inform you that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety elected to release Shipps Farms L.P. from further responsibility for the Shipps Pit. This site is released in its entirety. You should advise the issuer of your bond of this release by copy of this letter. In accordance with Rule 4.17.2(5), the Division is required to wait thirty (30) days from this notice to allow for appeal of the Division's decision. Once this period closes, if no appeal is submitted the Division will issue the final decision on the release request in writing and the Performance Warranty and Financial Warrant(ies) on file will be returned in separate correspondence from the Division.

The Mined Land Reclamation Board and the Division staff wish to commend Shipps Farms L.P. for your reclamation efforts and the resulting success.

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone at (303) 866-3567 x 8140, or by email at Eric.scott@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Eric C. Scott
Environmental Protection Specialist

