




**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> Wand Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2010-007	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel and sand	<b>COUNTY:</b> Moffat
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Zach Trujillo	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 27, 2022	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Northwest Aggregates, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$126,990.00	
<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> August 10, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</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>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 inspection was conducted by Zach Trujillo of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) as part of the normal monitoring program. A representative of the operator, Northwest Aggregates, Inc., accompanied the Division on the inspection. The Wand Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 107 permitted acres of which 52 acres will be mined. This site is located on the east side of Craig, CO and is accessed from Highway 40.

The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12.



Mine ID sign.

The site was inactive at the time of the inspection. No processing equipment was observed on site along with no fuel, equipment, trailers, etc. The only thing observed on site were staged culverts. Some material remained stockpiled along the southern excavated pond. There are currently two excavated areas both holding water with mining still within phase 1. The two excavated areas are connected by culvert two dewater the pond located north east of the current boundary.



North eastern pond.



Southern pond.

Houndstongue was observed along the center of the working area of Phase I. This is not cited as a problem at this time but the operator is encouraged to remain vigilant in their treatment of noxious weeds to avoid a major infestation.



Houndstongue.

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$126,990 for this site. In an effort to ensure the Financial Warranty adequately, reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division will be updating the reclamation cost estimate. If the current bond is found to be insufficient the Division will send a Notice of Surety Increase under a separate cover.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Zach Trujillo at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 x. 8164 or via email at zach.trujillo@state.co.us

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