




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: Porco Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-042	MINERAL: Aggregate	COUNTY: Conejos
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Clayton Wein	INSP. DATE: August 10, 2022	INSP. TIME: 09:10
OPERATOR: Ralph Porco, Randy Porco	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Randy Porco	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$8,300.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 6, 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>Y</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>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>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

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign as required by Section 3.1.12(1) of the rule. The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site, post a sign which shall be clearly visible from the access road with the following: the name of the operator, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 10/6/22

OBSERVATIONS

This was a routine monitoring inspection of the Porco Pit, M-2004-042, conducted by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety. The inspection was completed by Clayton Wein of the Division. Randy Porco was present for the inspection. The weather was clear with a temperature of 72 degrees F. The ground conditions were dry. Please see the photographs attached to the end of this report for a visual of the site conditions at the time of the inspection.

The Porco pit is an 110c mining operation located approximately two miles to the southwest of Capulin, Colorado. The site is accessed through the Porco property off of Fdr 255. The permitted site consists of seven permitted acres.

At the start of the inspection the Division was informed that the mine identification sign was missing, most likely due to cattle knocking it over. Mr. Porco informed the Division that he was working on getting the sign replaced. **Please replace the mine identification sign as required by Rule 3.1.12(1). Please provide the Division with photographic evidence of the completed corrective action by October 6, 2022.**

The affected area boundary was marked by T-posts. The posts were placed in clearly marked locations and delineated the boundary. The pit area covers approximately two acres.

No mining activity was occurring during the inspection. The pit is located within a basalt cap on top of a small mesa. The highwall was stable with no indications of erosion. The pit floor was flat and no water was ponded in the pit. The pit was approximately 10-12 feet deep.

Topsoil at the site was stockpiled. The topsoil resource was stable with vegetative cover.

No other maintenance items or possible violations were observed during this inspection.

As a result of the inspection, the Division will be conducting an update to the reclamation estimate for the Porco Pit. The new estimate will be sent to the operator under a separate cover.

Questions or responses to this inspection report should be directed to Clayton Wein at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety Grand Junction Field Office, located at 101 south 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction Colorado 81501. Or by phone at (303)-866-3567 x8185.

PHOTOGRAPHS



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