




**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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>Pitch Project                  | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>M-1977-004  | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Uranium and borrow construction                | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Saguache  |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Monitoring               | <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Dustin Czapla   | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>August 30, 2022                             | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>13:30 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>Homestake Mining Company        | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Dave Wykoff  | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>112d-3 - Designated Mining Operation |                             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Normal I&E Program | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>Complete Bond  | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$24,451,940.00                            |                             |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                     | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None   | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None                                |                             |
| <b>WEATHER:</b><br>Clear                            | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>September 16, 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.

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| (AR) RECORDS----- <u>Y</u>                 | (FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>    | (RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>        |
| (HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>      | (BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>    | (EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>   |
| (PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u> | (SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u> | (TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>      |
| (MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>   | (FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>       | (RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>  |
| (SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>       | (SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>   | (RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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>Y</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 inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. David Wykoff, representing the Operator, was present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate conditions observed.

The mine is located approximately six miles east of Sargents in Saguache County and accessed from Marshall Pass Road. The site is a 112d operation that includes a total of 3,003.4 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$24,451,940.00 for this site.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

Reclamation of the Forest Service access road from Marshall Pass has commenced. The road width has been reduced to 24 feet. The ripped road borders are to be seeded this fall.

Limestone Quarry: Reclamation grading at the quarry area is complete. The area has been seeded and vegetation is becoming established. The work observed appears to be in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. No problems were noted.





Tie Camp area: The laydown area in the Tie Camp area has been regraded and seeded. Vegetation is becoming established. Drainage structures have been constructed. No problems were noted in this area.



North Pit: Logging is underway to clear-cut the landslide crest area above the North Pit. Trees are to be removed so tension cracks can be filled in to prevent infiltration.

The channel at the 10,500-foot level has been reconstructed to reduce infiltration into the slope and to divert water from the upper Indian drainage around the North Pit Lake. The channel is lined with a geosynthetic clay liner and armored with riprap.









Indian Rock Dump: No problems were noted in the Indian Rock Dump area. Maintenance/improvements have been ongoing to improve drainage of the area. Slopes appeared stable. No erosional issues were noted.





The sandstone quarry is still in use. No problems were noted around the sediment pond area.



No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188.

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