




**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> Harms Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2013-018	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Weld
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> November 4, 2022	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:45
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Pine Bluffs Gravel & Excavating, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Dustin Gaspar	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$61,267.33	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Robert Zuber, P.E.	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> November 9, 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>N</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>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>NA</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>Y</u>	

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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Harms Pit was inspected by Rob Zuber with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) as part of the Division's monitoring inspection program. Mr. Dustin Gaspar with Pine Bluffs Gravel & Excavating, Inc. was present during the inspection. The site was most recently inspected by the Division on October 10, 2018.

The Division approved a 110c to 112c permit conversion in March 2015, increasing the permitted acreage from 9.98 to 32.20 acres. The Division holds a reclamation bond in the amount of \$61,267.33, which appears adequate to complete reclamation at the site. The site is approved as an intermittent status operation. Mr. Gaspar stated that the last mining activity occurred in the spring of 2022. The recent Annual Report indicates (erroneously) that the site has not been approved to be an intermittent operation; this needs to be corrected in future reports.

The approved post-mining land use is rangeland. No reclamation activities have occurred at the site.

The mine identification sign, as required by Rule 3.1.12(1), was observed, and it contained the necessary information. Boundary markers were seen at the northeast and southeast corners. Some of the permit boundary markers have been knocked down by animals or removed (possibly by the landowner for a corn crop). Mr. Gaspar indicated that they will be replaced in the near future.

The site was inactive at the time of the inspection. The pit appears to be slightly larger than during past inspections, and the disturbance around the pit has expanded north and south. The pit and other disturbance, however, are still far from the permit boundary. The pit depth was estimated at 20 feet.

The processing plant has been removed. The fresh water pond, including the liner, has also been removed. The scale remains on the west side of the disturbance area.

Topsoil stockpiles were observed in the northwest corner of disturbance and along the southern and eastern boundaries of the pit. Silt fence was not observed at the toe of the stockpiles, however the stockpiles were vegetated with annual weeds with some grasses. The stockpiles appeared stable, and no gullies from the pit are threatening them (unlike in 2018). Two stockpiles, road base and run-of-pit material, were located in the southeast corner of the disturbance area.

No noxious weeds were observed during the inspection.

There was no sign of sediment or other pollutant loading to adjacent lands. Runoff from the site did not appear to be causing erosion.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Entrance sign on CR 127**



**North side of disturbance, looking east**



**West side of disturbance, including scale**



**Pit, looking east**





**East side of disturbance, looking south**



**South side of disturbance, looking west**

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