




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: Pueblo East Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1986-015	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Pueblo
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety-Related Inspection	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: December 20, 2022	INSP. TIME: 13:00
OPERATOR: Colorado Water Protective and Development	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Kent Ricken	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Related	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$3,758,100.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg Amber Michels	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: December 22, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</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>Y</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

OBSERVATIONS

The Pueblo East Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg and Amber Michels with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed in response to a partial acreage release request (AR-2), submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on September 30, 2022. The site was previously inspected by the Division on May 18, 2022 as part of AR-1. Kent Ricken representing the Operator, CWPDA, accompanied us during the inspection. The weather was cloudy and mild.

The Pueblo East Pit is located approximately 7 miles east of Pueblo, CO. The access road is the intersection of US Hwy 50 and 26th Lane. Pueblo East Pit is a Construction Materials 112c Operation for 464.49 acres and is approved to affect 285 acres. The affected lands are proposed to be reclaimed to a combination of developed water resources, and wildlife habitat.

Per Rule 4.17.2(1) the Division sent notice of the release request to the Pueblo County Commissioners, Pueblo Planning Director, the South Pueblo Soil Conservation District and the landowner. The Division has not received any comments from the noticed parties.

The release request is for 115.49 acres located east and southeast of Phase 7. The release area was amended into the original permit area through the approval of Amendment 1 in 2002. At the time of the amendment the area was not planned to be mined and the Operator was prohibited from affecting the area until approved to do so by the Division. During the inspection the Division verified the release area was never affected by mining activities.

Based on observations made during this inspection the request for partial release of the permitted area will be approved. The release of 115.49 acres will reduce the permit area to 349 acres and the affected area will remain 285 acres, based on a current permit boundary survey. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg (303)866-3567 ext. 8114 or email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us if you have any questions regarding this report.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Looking southeast from the corner of 29 1/2 Lane and East Drive Road, unaffected by mining



Photo 2: Looking south from the corner of 29 1/2 Lane and East Drive Road, unaffected by mining



Photo 3: Looking south from the corner of 29 Lane and East Drive Road, unaffected by mining



Photo 4: Looking southeast from the corner of Phase 7, unaffected by mining



Photo 5: Looking south from the corner of Phase 7, unaffected by mining