




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: Airport Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-567	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Saguache
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: March 7, 2023	INSP. TIME: 11:15
OPERATOR: Saguache County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Joe Gilbert	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Lucas West	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: March 29, 2023	

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>Y</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>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</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>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

This inspection was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program, also at the request of the Operator's representative to discuss the possibility of releasing the site from DRMS jurisdiction. The Airport Pit is a 110c Operation operated by Saguache County Road and Bridge. The site is located 2.5 northwest of the town of Saguache at 7850 feet in elevation. Public access is controlled by two locked gates off Hwy 114 and the site consists of 9.5 permitted acres to be reclaimed to support a post mining land use of general agriculture. Pursuant to Rule 4.1.2(2) no financial warranty is held for the site. In addition to Joe Gilbert the Operator representative, Landowner representatives were present. Five Photos accompany this report to illustrate the current site conditions.

The proper mine identification signage was posted at the entrance to the site, near the second gate which can be seen in Photo One. The site was not active at the time of the inspection and no mining or reclamation equipment was present on site. The site acts as an intermittent source of material for Saguache County Road and Bridge and has not been utilized in some time. The mining has been conducted at approximately reclamation grade, resulting in no highwalls left on site. The side slopes are stable and well vegetated with volunteer grass species. The slopes appeared stable at the time of the inspection and no evidence of settling, sloping or erosion was noted. Photos Two and Three show examples of the pit slopes found on site. The pit floor is in good condition with small stockpiles of unprocessed pit run material and varying elevations. The pit floor and stockpiles appeared stable and also has become vegetated with volunteer grass and shrub species. Examples of the pit floor can be seen in Photos Four and Five. The entire affected area exhibits positive drainage, and no impounded water from snowmelt or any other source was noted on site. No evidence of state listed noxious weeds, nor signs of settling, slumping or erosion were observed. The overall footprint of the site is in excellent condition and was stable.

The main focus of the inspection was to discuss the release of the permit, in its current condition for use by the landowner. The landowner representatives expressed a desire to be able to use the pit for material for ranch roads and other various projects on their property, which requires no permit. The landowner representative made the verbal acceptance of the pit in its current condition and recognize that once the permit is terminated, material may not be sold or exported off their property. In order to release the permit, the Operator must submit the enclosed release request form, with its required information and via certified mail to the Division's Denver Office. That request must also include a commitment in writing from the landowner accepting the pit in its current condition and committing to not export or sell material from the property. If all elements of the release request are received within sixty (60) days of the date of this report, this inspection shall constitute the release inspection and the request may be processed in accordance with the Rules.

All responses to this report should be directed to Lucas West with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext. 8187 or by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS







Inspection Contact Address

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Enclosure Request for Full or Partial Release of Permitted Area form

CC: Travis Marshall, DRMS



COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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REQUEST FOR FULL OR PARTIAL RELEASE OF PERMIT AREA/SURETY REDUCTION

Please indicate if you are requesting:

FULL/FINAL RELEASE OF ENTIRE PERMITTED AREA (per Rule 4.17) _____

ACREAGE REDUCTION (PARTIAL RELEASE per Rule 4.17) _____

I wish to release _____ acres at this time.

You will need to submit with this request: a map showing the acreage to be released from the current permit and updated mining and reclamation plan maps that will accurately depict the new permit boundary if the release is approved.

SURETY (Bond) REDUCTION (per Rule 4.14) _____

If you are requesting a surety (bond) reduction you will need to include with this request a new estimate of the actual cost to reclaim the site based on what it would cost an independent contractor to complete reclamation, including unit costs for reclamation activities as appropriate to the operation to comply with the provisions of Rule 3.1 and the Permit's approved Reclamation Plan.

File No.: M- _____ Site Name: _____

County: _____

Permittee: _____

Permittee Address: _____

Operator (If Other than Permittee): _____

Permittee Representative: _____

Certified Mail# _____

In accordance with Rule 4.17.1(2) the Operator shall include the names, addresses and phone numbers of all owners of record to the affected land. Please attach additional sheets for this information if required.

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In accordance with Rule 4.17.1(4), if requesting a full or partial acreage release the Operator or their agent MUST sign that they have complied with the following statement: “All applicable portions of the Reclamation Plan requirements have been satisfied in accordance with these Rules and all applicable requirements under the Act.”

Signature of Permittee, Operator or their authorized agent

Date

Important: In accordance with Rules 4.14.2(a) and 4.17.1(3) This release request must be submitted to the Division via certified mail and separate from any other correspondence to the Division.