



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

April 13, 2023

David Forenza
Mesa Agg LLC
PO Box 7790
Avon, CO 81620

RE: Orchard Mesa Aggr, Permit No. M-1995-005, Complaint Received

Dear Mr. Forenza:

On April 12, 2023 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received a complaint regarding the above referenced site (enclosed). The Division will be conducting an inspection, the report will be sent to both parties upon completion.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Rm 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver CO 80216. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

Sincerely,

Amy Yeldell
Environmental Protection Specialist

Cc:
Travis Marshall, Senior EPS, Grand Junction DRMS



DRMS Complaint Intake Tool

By Submitting this form you are requesting an investigation of compliance with DRMS rules.



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DRMS Internal Information

Select Permit Type *

Minerals

Permit No List *

M1995005

Date of Complaint

04/12/2023

COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

*** Indicates a Required Field**

Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Connection to Incident *

Select all that apply

☐ Land Owner

☐ Mineral Owner

☒ Nearby Resident

☒ Observed Incident

☐ Other

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT

(Please be as specific as possible)

Note: Please provide as much detail related to location and issue as possible. Without enough detail, DRMS will not be able to process or investigate the complaint and, therefore, DRMS will have no choice but to discard the complaint.

Location of Concern *

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the location. If available, please include Township, Range and Section, physical address, or GPS location. You may also upload a pdf map below.

The commercial gravel pit at 21 31 Rd., Grand Junction , CO, Parcel number: 2967-051-00-235. The access road into this pit is through the Mesa County Landfill's Compost Facility. This pit is privately owned and operated.

Incident County *

Mesa County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Property Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management / Dumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs and Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> Overburden / Development Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Warranty | <input type="checkbox"/> Backfilling and Grading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Waste / Tailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion / Sedimentation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives / Blasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Topsoil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

Detailed description of the issue(s) * (?)

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the issue(s).

There are increasing problems with massive volumes of dust covering several neighborhoods to the north and west of this pit, including my residence. This problem has been getting worse for over a year now. I work 5 miles away and I can see massive dust clouds from here, right now. I had dirt, actual granular dirt sliding down my windshield. My landlady used to own that pit and she sold that land to someone who is leasing out the mineral rights.

Have you contacted the operator or party conducting the operation? If yes, please provide details. *☐ Yes ☒ No**If known, please provide the name of the operator or party conducting the operation.****If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M-1970-111 or P-1970-111).**

Must be entered in the following format: M1970111 or P1970111 (No dashes allowed)

Have you contacted any other agencies or local governments related to this issue or issues? If so, please provide details. *☒ Yes ☐ No**Details**

Mesa County Environmental Health.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload? ***☒ Yes ☐ No[View Attachments in WebLink](#)

Attachments are accepted for informational purposes only. Action by DRMS requires a direct observation by DRMS staff.

What is your preferred method for DRMS to communicate with you throughout the investigation? *

Select all that apply

☒ Phone ☒ E-mail ☐ US Mail