




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: Walsh Pit No. 2	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-479	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Baca
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: May 8, 2023	INSP. TIME: 14:00
OPERATOR: Baca County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Danny Ausmus	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
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): Brock Bowles	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 12, 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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</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>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 was a routine monitoring inspection conducted Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Danny Ausmus of Baca County (Operator) was present for the inspection. The weather during the inspection was sunny and warm with a light breeze. The ground was dry.

The mine entrance sign was in place facing CR FF (photo 1). The western permit boundary was marked with fenceline, the southwestern by a fenceline, the southeastern by an agriculture field, the eastern by the access road and the northern by CR FF. Corner posts were in place also.

No mining activity was taking place during the inspection. There were several pieces of mining equipment onsite including screening equipment, 2 bulldozers and an excavator. Mining on the site started along the western side and is moving eastward. Mining is currently in about the middle of the permit area (photo 2). The disturbed areas along the western permit boundary have been reclaimed.

The mining area on the north side of Bear Creek contained several gravel stockpiles, some large rock stockpiles and all of the mining equipment (photo 3). The topsoil stock pile is located north of the access road and is well vegetated. The mining area on the south side had a couple of stock piles. The topsoil piles are located north and south of the mining area and were well vegetated (photo 4).

Two access roads crossed Bear Creek and Dry Creek. The access roads did not impede water flow through the creek (photo 5). The banks of the creek were in place and no water could flow into the mining area. No water was noted in the pits area.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Entrance sign facing CR FF



Photo 2 – North mining area facing west



Photo 3 – Screening equipment



Photo 4 – Topsoil stockpile in south mining area along south boundary



Photo 5 – Bear Creek through mining area, facing west

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