




**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> Farm Road Source	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2019-033	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Montrose
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> June 6, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Cornerstone Materials LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Citizen Complaint	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$19,366.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin Czapla	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> June 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>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 inspection was conducted in response to a citizen complaint. A representative for the operator was not present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate conditions observed.

The Farm Road Source site is located approximately five miles west of Montrose and accessed from 5875 Road. A 110c permit was issued for the site on September 17, 2019 that covers 9.98 acres. The Division holds a financial warranty amount of \$19,366 for this site.

This operation commenced prior to obtaining a reclamation permit and the MLRB issued a violation (MV-2019-020) to the operator on August 19, 2019. Pre-permit operations affected approximately three acres. A stockpile of crushed gravel was produced that was estimated to contain approximately 12,000 cubic yards of construction material. Issuance of the 110c Reclamation Permit did not relieve the operator from having to comply with all applicable Federal, State and County statutes. In the operator's 110c application, which was filed with the Division on July 30, 2019, the operator certified that all necessary approvals from local government had been applied for and stated that approval of the operation would be required by Montrose County Planning Department. According to the operator, Montrose County denied their Special Use Permit application in March 2023.

The citizen complaint was submitted anonymously on June 1, 2023. The complaint states that gravel was being hauled from the site, via dump trucks, over a period of at least two weeks, and that this was occurring without a County permit.

During this inspection it was found that the 12,000 cubic yard gravel stockpile that was produced prior to the issuance of the 110c Reclamation Permit had been removed from the site. Evidence of further mining was not observed.

The operator has stated that they are aware that the gravel was removed from the site, but that they were not involved in any way. They have stated that the landowner enlisted independent contractors to haul the gravel and that this was done without consent of the operator. Additionally, the landowner was issued a cease and desist order by Montrose County on May 26, 2023. The operator has stated that they are aware there would be a possible violation of the 110c permit if the operator were to haul gravel from the site without the necessary County approvals.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188.



Stockpile area on south side of pit where stockpile has been removed

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