




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: Stroh Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2002-078	MINERAL: Gravel	COUNTY: Larimer
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: June 27, 2023	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Coulson Excavating Company, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Ken Coulson	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Priority	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$1,000.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Patrick Lennberg	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 7, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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>Y</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

The Stroh Pit was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring inspection program and an increase in public inquiry regarding the beginning of mining activities at the site. The site was previously inspected by the Division on February 15, 2022 during a routine monitoring inspection. Ken Coulson representing the operator/permittee, Coulson Excavating Company, Inc., accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was clear.

This is a 112c operation permitted for 119 acres. The permit is for the mining of sand and gravel for construction materials. The mine is located on property owned by Ken and Richard Coulson. The permit is located in Larimer County. The approved post-mining land use is developed water resources.

Mining at the site has not begun and there is no mining related equipment at the site. It is the understanding of the Division that after several court hearings the operator may be able to initiate mining activities once the proper Larimer County permits are obtained. The operator is strongly encouraged to review their currently approved mining and reclamation plans prior to initiating the operation. Failure to follow the approved mine plan may result in an enforcement action.

On November 29, 2011 the Division approved a financial warranty reduction for the site (SR-1) to reduce the financial warranty to \$1,000.00 since the mine had not begun operations. At that time, the following stipulation was added to the permit:

"Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. shall request in writing to the DRMS that the financial warranty be increased prior to commencing mining. An increase of the financial warranty shall be requested, and provided with the letter to the DRMS, by Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. to its bonding /surety provider prior to commencing mining. The increased financial warranty and updated bond forms shall also be provided to the DRMS from Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. bonding /surety provider."

The amount of financial warranty set by the Division for this operation at the time the permit was approved in 2003 was \$145,000 for the Phase I area and \$218,400 for the Phase II area. The Division requests that the operator notify the Division at least three months in advance of initiating any mining operations at the site so the amount of financial warranty for each phase can be re-evaluated with present day costs.

The Stroh Pit does not have an approved SWSP. The operator will need to secure an approved SWSP before exposing any groundwater to the atmosphere.

Finally, the Division will require the operator to provide the Division with the approved permits for operating in the flood plain.

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 north across the permit area from the SW corner of the permit



Photo 2: Looking northeast across the permit area from the SW corner of the permit



Photo 3: Looking east across the permit area from the SW corner of the permit



Photo 4: Looking east across the permit area from the midpoint of the western edge of permit