




## 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> Airport Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1983-039	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Las Animas
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 19, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 14:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Las Animas County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Clint Chavez	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Brock Bowles	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 25, 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). Clint Chavez of Las Animas County (Operator) was present for the inspection. The weather during the inspection was partly cloudy with passing showers and a thunderstorm lingering in the area. The ground was dry.

The Airport Pit is a 112c site permitted for 175 acres. It is located approximately 10 miles northeast of Trinidad. The post-mining land use is rangeland. No mining was taking place. A loader was on site but no loading was taking place.

The mine entrance sign was in place at the entrance facing CR 36 (photo 1). A fenceline delineates the permit boundary on all sides.

Mining is taking place in the eastern part of the pit. The main pit area is about 6 feet deep and a bout 10 acres in size (photo 2). The product stockpile is north of the mining area (photo 3). A contractor is hired to process the gravel on an as needed basis. Topsoil stockpiles were located around the pit with some vegetation on them.

The western part of the permit area has mostly been reclaimed with the exception of the area around the old screening/crushing equipment (photo 4). The overall topography of the site is very flat and the only erosion features seen were located in the pit areas. The reclaimed areas appeared to be stable. No noxious weeds were noted on the site.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1 – Mine entrance sign facing CR 36



Photo 2 – East end of mining area





Photo 3 – Product stockpile northwest of pit area



Photo 4 – Reclamation on western side of permit area

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Enclosure

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