




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: Del Norte Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1984-026	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Rio Grande
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: July 19, 2023	INSP. TIME: 13:00
OPERATOR: Southway Construction Company, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Paul Bottini	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$238,311.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 16, 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>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</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>Y</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 report was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. The Del Norte Pit is a 112c Operation operated by Southway Construction Company, Inc. The site is located approximately 1.5 miles northeast of the town of Del Norte, CO at an elevation of approximately 7850 feet. Public access is controlled by a gate off State Rd 374 and the site consists of 70.6 acres to be reclaimed for the post mine land use of rangeland. The previous inspection occurred in 2018 and the Division holds a \$238,331.00 financial warranty on the site. The last bond update occurred in 2004 under Amendment 1. Paul Bottini, a representative of Southway Construction Company, was present for the inspection.

The proper mine identification signage was posted at the entrance to the site. Permit boundaries are clearly marked with berms. The site was not active at the time of the inspection, but there was a single loader on site. The only on-site support facility is a scale used to weigh outgoing loads. There are no hydrocarbons stored in the permit area. The site acts as an intermittent source of material for Southway Construction.

Mining has been conducted according to the submitted plan within the permit boundary. The walls of the pit are at an approximate reclamation grade resulting in no highwall on site. The side slopes of the pit are stable and well vegetated in most areas with volunteer species - showing no signs of erosion or slumping. The pit floor has multiple stockpiles of various sized materials both processed and unprocessed. In addition to product stockpiles there is also a topsoil stockpile used as a berm around the boundary. There appears to be an adequate amount of topsoil stockpiled for the permitted reclamation plan. Topsoil stockpiles are protected by vegetation and appear stable. No state listed invasive species were identified on site during the inspection. There was water present in the floor of the pit. This is in accordance with the approved mine plan. The pit is a recharge pond for return irrigation water. Powerlines cross the permit. Pillars are left around the poles according to the mine plan.

In an effort to ensure the financial warranty remains adequate to reclaim this site per the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, DRMS will update the reclamation cost estimate. The estimate will be forwarded to the operator under separate cover.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

No problems or violations were noted or observed during the July 19, 2023 inspection.

All responses to this report should be directed to Todd Jesse with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 720-688-0626 or by email at todd.jesse@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



View to the north showing proper Mine ID signage posted at the entrance to the site.



View to the southwest of berm that marks boundary.



View to the northwest showing product stockpiles on site.



View to the northwest showing water in pit floor.



View to the south of scale one site.



View of power pole with support pillar.

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