




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: Equity Exploration Project	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: P-2011-010	MINERAL: Silver, gold, lead and zinc	COUNTY: Mineral
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: August 9, 2023	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Rio Grande Silver, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Randy McClure	TYPE OF OPERATION: MP - Mineral Prospecting	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$28,192.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 31, 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>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>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</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 as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. The Equity Exploration Project is listed as an active Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI) located 6 miles north of Creede, CO in Mineral County at an elevation of 11,120 feet. This site consists of 3.8 acres to support the underground exploration of silver, gold, and other metals. Randy McClure, a representative of Rio Grande Silver, Inc. accompanied the inspection. The Division holds a \$28,192.00 Financial Warranty for the site. A reclamation cost estimate was not performed as a result of this inspection.

The site was not active the day of the inspection and no exploration equipment was located within the permit boundary. The proper NOI identification sign was posted at the entrance to the site. Public access to the site is controlled by a locked gate along NFSR 503. No signs of damage or vandalism is present on site. The site contains a main access portal, ventilation adit, and various support facilities around the portal pad. The main portal was secured with a locking gate and there are no signs of tampering. The portal is in good condition, no evidence of slumping or erosion was present around the portal area. The ventilation adit is adjacent to the main portal and is also secured with a locking gate. There was no discharge from either portal at the time of the inspection. The shop building has had the skin removed and is now only a frame. The fuel storage building has had the tanks removed and there are no hydrocarbons on site. The building is in good condition and the tanks can be brought back once exploration resumes. There were also a number of above ground water storage tanks on the pad that were verified to be empty.

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 August 9, 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 east of the main portal. Gate securing portal is secure.



View to the east of vent adit. Gate securing adit is secure.



View to the north of the shop building frame.



View to the east of the fuel storage building. Fuel tanks have been removed.



View to the south of empty water tanks in permit boundary.

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