




**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> Pitch Project	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1977-004	<b>MINERAL:</b> Uranium	<b>COUNTY:</b> Saguache
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> August 23, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Homestake Mining Company	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Dave Wykoff	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112d-3 - Designated Mining Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$24,451,940.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin Czapla Russ Means	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> August 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</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>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>Y</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 Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. David Wykoff, representing the Operator, was present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The mine is located in Saguache County, approximately six miles east of Sargents, and accessed from Marshall Pass Road. The site is a 112d operation that includes a total of 3,003.4 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$24,451,940.00 for this site.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

Access Road: Reclamation of the Forest Service access road from Marshall Pass has been completed. The road width has been reduced to 22 feet by ripping the outer edges. The ripped edges were seeded and vegetation is becoming established.

Mill Site: Reclamation of the mill area is complete. The area has been regraded and vegetation is well established. No problems were noted.





Limestone Quarry: Reclamation grading at the quarry area is complete. The area has been seeded and vegetation is becoming established. The work observed appears to be in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. No problems were noted.



Tie Camp area: The laydown area has been regraded and seeded. Vegetation is becoming established. Drainage structures have been constructed and appear to be functioning as designed. No problems were noted in this area.





Indian Rock Dump: Slopes appear stable here. Vegetation is well established. No problems were noted.



North Pit: The landslide area has been logged and grading is underway. The operator has made significant progress in the area during this operating season. The North Pit diversion ditch was extended behind the Mine Shop and additional drainage channels are being constructed in the landslide area. No problems were noted in this area.











South Pit: Grading and stabilization work took place in the South Pit area in 2020. The slope appears stable and vegetation is becoming well established. No problems were noted in this area.





Sandstone Quarry: The quarry is still utilized for rip rap material on site. No problems were noted in this area.



Sediment Pond: The sediment pond is well maintained and appeared to be functioning as designed. No problems were noted.



No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

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.

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