




**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> West of Maybell Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1979-142	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Moffat
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> August 30, 2023	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Colorado Department of Transportation	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<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> Zach Trujillo	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> September 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</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>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 by Zach Trujillo of Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety as part of the normal monitoring program. The West of Maybell Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 35.9 permitted acres of which approximately 12 acres are currently disturbed. It is located approximately one mile Southwest of Maybell, Colorado and is accessed from the Highway 40. No representative of Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) accompanied of the Division on the inspection.

The site is located on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and State of Colorado land. The West of Maybell Pit is broken into three areas; East, West and Middle Pits. The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The sign is located at the entrance of the permit boundary as you pull off of the highway. No erosion problems were observed. No equipment, fuel or structures were observed. Part of site is encompassed by fencing. No trash or other miscellaneous debris was observed.

This site has been inactive for several years and limited native vegetation has volunteered throughout most of site and in some areas appears to have self-reclaimed. Topsoil and reseeding does appear to have occurred specifically at the East and Middle Pits. Multiple stockpiles were observed throughout the site and will need to be removed. The fence line has been damaged in a couple of regions due to wildlife. Livestock was observed on both ends of the fence along all pits of the site. If reclamation commences, it would be recommended to reestablish the fence to limit grazing on areas that have been reseeded.

This pit is operated by a government agency and therefore no bond is held by DRMS. No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Zach Trujillo at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 x.8164 or via email at [zach.trujillo@state.co.us](mailto:zach.trujillo@state.co.us).



West Pit reclamation.





Material stockpiles at Middle Pit.



Material stockpile at Middle Pit.





East Pit.

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