

# STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY  
Department of Natural Resources

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## CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS REGULAR (112) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

CHECK ONE: ☒ There is a File Number Already Assigned to this Operation

Permit # M - 1976-038 (Please reference the file number currently assigned to this operation)

☐ New Application (Rule 1.4.5) ☒ Amendment Application (Rule 1.10)  
☐ Conversion Application (Rule 1.11)

Permit # M - 1976-038 - (provide for Amendments and Conversions of existing permits)

The application for a Construction Materials Regular 112 Operation Reclamation Permit contains three major parts: (1) the application form; (2) Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, any sections of Exhibit 6.5 (Geotechnical Stability Exhibit; and (3) the application fee. When you submit your application, be sure to include one (1) complete signed and notarized ORIGINAL and one (1) copy of the completed application form, two (2) copies of Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, appropriate sections of 6.5 (Geotechnical Stability Exhibit, and a check for the application fee described under Section (4) below. Exhibits should **NOT** be bound or in a 3-ring binder; maps should be folded to 8 1/2" X 11" or 8 1/2" X 14" size. To expedite processing, please provide the information in the format and order described in this form.

### GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION

Type or print clearly, in the space provided, ALL information requested below.

1. Applicant/operator or company name (name to be used on permit): Meeker Sand & Gravel, Inc.
  - 1.1 Type of organization (corporation, partnership, etc.): Corporation
2. Operation name (pit, mine or site name): Meeker Pit
3. Permitted acreage (new or existing site): 47.21 permitted acres
  - 3.1 Change in acreage (+) 76.99 acres
  - 3.2 Total acreage in Permit area 124.20 acres
4. Fees:

4.1 New Application	<u>\$2,696.00</u>	application fee
4.2 New Quarry Application	<u>\$3,342.00</u>	quarry application
4.4 Amendment Fee	<u>\$2,229.00</u>	amendment fee
4.5 Conversion to 112 operation (set by statute)	<u>\$2,696.00</u>	conversion fee
5. Primary commodity(ies) to be mined: Gravel
  - 5.1 Incidental commodity(ies) to be mined:
    1. None lbs/Tons/yr
    2. / lbs/Tons/yr
    3. / lbs/Tons/yr
    4. / lbs/Tons/yr
    5. / lbs/Tons/yr
  - 5.2 Anticipated end use of primary commodity(ies) to be mined: Construction
  - 5.3 Anticipated end use of incidental commodity(ies) to be mined: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Name of owner of subsurface rights of affected land: The Joe P. Conrado Trust  
If 2 or more owners, "refer to Exhibit O".

7. Name of owner of surface of affected land: The Joe P. Conrado Trust

8. Type of mining operation: ☒ Surface ☐ Underground

9. Location Information: The center of the area where the majority of mining will occur:

COUNTY: Rio Blanco

PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one): ☒ 6th (Colorado) ☐ 10th (New Mexico) ☐ Ute

SECTION (write number): S 35,36

TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction): T 119 ☒ North ☐ South

RANGE (write number and check direction): R 94 ☐ East ☒ West

QUARTER SECTION (check one): ☐ NE ☐ NW ☒ SE ☐ SW

QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one): ☐ NE ☐ NW ☐ SE ☐ SW

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles and direction from the nearest town and the approximate elevation): \_\_\_\_\_

Location is approximate 2 miles south and west of Meeker, Colorado. Elevation 6,565

10. Primary Mine Entrance Location (report in either Latitude/Longitude OR UTM):

Latitude/Longitude:

Example: (N) 39° 44' 12.98"  
(W) 104° 59' 3.87"

Latitude (N): deg \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec \_\_\_\_\_ (2 decimal places)

Longitude (W): deg \_\_\_\_\_ min \_\_\_\_\_ sec \_\_\_\_\_ (2 decimal places)

OR

Example: (N) 39.73691°  
(W) -104.98449°

Latitude (N) 40 .0097168 (5 decimal places)

Longitude (W) -107 .8870850 (5 decimal places)

OR

Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM)

Example: 201336.3 E NAD27 Zone 13  
4398351.2 N

UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) Nad 83 Zone 13

Easting \_\_\_\_\_

Northing \_\_\_\_\_



11. **Correspondence Information:**

**APPLICANT/OPERATOR** (name, address, and phone of name to be used on permit)

Contact's Name: Katie Conrado Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: Meeker Sand & Gravel, Inc.  
Street/P.O. Box: 3251 RBC #4 P.O. Box: 1550  
City: Meeker  
State: CO Zip Code: 81641  
Telephone Number: ( 970 ) - 878-3671  
Fax Number: ( N/A ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMITTING CONTACT** (if different from applicant/operator above)

Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street/P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**INSPECTION CONTACT**

Contact's Name: Katie Conrado Title: V. President  
Company Name: Meeker Sand & Gravel, Inc.  
Street/P.O. Box: 3251 RBC #4 P.O. Box: 1550  
City: Meeker  
State: CO Zip Code: 81641  
Telephone Number: ( 970 ) - 878-3671  
Fax Number: ( N/A ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**CC: STATE OR FEDERAL LANDOWNER (if any)**

Agency: None  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_

**CC: STATE OR FEDERAL LANDOWNER (if any)**

Agency: None  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) - \_\_\_\_\_

12. **Primary future (Post-mining) land use (check one):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland(CR)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastureland(PL) | <input type="checkbox"/> General Agriculture(GA)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rangeland(RL)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry(FR)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat(WL)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential(RS)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation(RC)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Commercial(IC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developed Water Resources(WR) |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid Waste Disposal(WD)  |

13. **Primary present land use (check one):**

- |  |  |  |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cropland(CR)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pastureland(PL) | <input type="checkbox"/> General Agriculture(GA)   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rangeland(RL)      | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry(FR)    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife Habitat(WL)      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Residential(RS)               | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation(RC)  | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Commercial(IC) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Developed Water Resources(WR) |  |  |

14. **Method of Mining:** Briefly explain mining method (e.g. truck/shovel): \_\_\_\_\_  
Truck / Shovel

15. **On Site Processing:** ☒ Crushing/Screening

13.1 Briefly explain mining method (e.g. truck/shovel): \_\_\_\_\_  
Mined gravel is processed via crushers, screens and wash plant.

List any designated chemicals or acid-producing materials to be used or stored within permit area: \_\_\_\_\_  
None

16. **Description of Amendment or Conversion:**

If you are amending or converting an existing operation, provide a brief narrative describing the proposed change(s).

We wish to ammend the current mining plan to allow mining to take place up to the mine permit boundaries (without the 100' buffer). We also wish to amend the existing permit to expand directly to the west of the currently-permitted mine for a new proposed total mine permit acreage of 124.20 acres. Proposed expansion is on the same gravel deposit, with the same soil and wildlife as the current mine. The proposed expansion area has already been approved for this special use, as well as the post-mining land use (Dry Rangeland) through Rio Blanco County. We also wish to expand the area that will remain as Industrial/Commercial following completion of mining (unreclaimed) from 11 acres to 11.51 acres. Please see attached for additional information.



**Maps and Exhibits:**

Two (2) complete, unbound application packages must be submitted. One complete application package consists of a signed application form and the set of maps and exhibits referenced below as Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, and the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit. Each exhibit within the application must be presented as a separate section. Begin each exhibit on a new page. Pages should be numbered consecutively for ease of reference. If separate documents are used as appendices, please reference these by name in the exhibit.

With each of the two (2) signed application forms, you must submit a corresponding set of the maps and exhibits as described in the following references to Rule 6.4, 6.5, and 1.6.2(1)(b):

EXHIBIT A	Legal Description
EXHIBIT B	Index Map
EXHIBIT C	Pre-Mining and Mining Plan Map(s) of Affected Lands
EXHIBIT D	Mining Plan
EXHIBIT E	Reclamation Plan
EXHIBIT F	Reclamation Plan Map
EXHIBIT G	Water Information
EXHIBIT H	Wildlife Information
EXHIBIT I	Soils Information
EXHIBIT J	Vegetation Information
EXHIBIT K	Climate Information
EXHIBIT L	Reclamation Costs
EXHIBIT M	Other Permits and Licenses
EXHIBIT N	Source of Legal Right-To-Enter
EXHIBIT O	Owners of Record of Affected Land (Surface Area) and Owners of Substance to be Mined
EXHIBIT P	Municipalities Within Two Miles
EXHIBIT Q	Proof of Mailing of Notices to County Commissioners and Conservation District
EXHIBIT R	Proof of Filing with County Clerk or Recorder
EXHIBIT S	Permanent Man-Made Structures
Rule 1.6.2(1)(b)	ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements (sample enclosed)
Rule 6.5	Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (any required sections)

The instructions for preparing Exhibits A-S, Addendum 1, and Geotechnical Stability Exhibit are specified under Rule 6.4 and 6.5 and Rule 1.6.2(1)(b) of the Rules and Regulations. If you have any questions on preparing the Exhibits or content of the information required, or would like to schedule a pre-application meeting you may contact the Office at 303-866-3567.

**Responsibilities as a Permittee:**

Upon application approval and permit issuance, this application becomes a legally binding document. Therefore, there are a number of important requirements which you, as a permittee, should fully understand. These requirements are listed below. Please read and initial each requirement, in the space provided, to acknowledge that you understand your obligations. If you do not understand these obligations then please contact this Office for a full explanation.

- plc* 1. Your obligation to reclaim the site is not limited to the amount of the financial warranty. You assume legal liability for all reasonable expenses which the Board or the Office may incur to reclaim the affected lands associated with your mining operation in the event your permit is revoked and financial warranty is forfeited;



plc 2. The Board may suspend or revoke this permit, or assess a civil penalty, upon a finding that the permittee violated the terms or conditions of this permit, the Act, the Mineral Rules and Regulations, or that information contained in the application or your permit misrepresent important material facts;

plc 3. If your mining and reclamation operations affect areas beyond the boundaries of an approved permit boundary, substantial civil penalties, to you as permittee can result;

plc 4. Any modification to the approved mining and reclamation plan from those described in your approved application requires you to submit a permit modification and obtain approval from the Board or Office;

plc 5. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes in your address or phone number;

plc 6. Upon permit issuance and prior to beginning on-site mining activity, you must post a sign at the entrance of the mine site, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with the following information (Rule 3.1.12):

a. the name of the operator;

b. a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and,

c. the permit number.

plc 7. The boundaries of the permit boundary area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries prior to site disturbance.

plc 8. It is a provision of this permit that the operations will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in your application, as well as with the provisions of the Act and the Construction Material Rules and Regulations in effect at the time the permit is issued.

plc 9. Annually, on the anniversary date of permit issuance, you must submit an annual fee as specified by Statute, and an annual report which includes a map describing the acreage affected and the acreage reclaimed to date (if there are changes from the previous year), any monitoring required by the Reclamation Plan to be submitted annually on the anniversary date of the permit approval. Annual fees are for the previous year a permit is held. For example, a permit with the anniversary date of July 1, 1995, the annual fee is for the period of July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. Failure to submit your annual fee and report by the permit anniversary date may result in a civil penalty, revocation of your permit, and forfeiture of your financial warranty. It is your responsibility, as the permittee, to continue to pay your annual fee to the Office until the Board releases you from your total reclamation responsibility.

plc 10. For joint venture/partnership operators: the signing representative is authorized to sign this document and a power of attorney (provided by the partner(s)) authorizing the signature of the representative is attached to this application.

**NOTE TO COMMENTORS/OBJECTORS:**

It is likely there will be additions, changes, and deletions to this document prior to final decision by the Office. Therefore, if you have any comments or concerns you must contact the applicant or the Office prior to the decision date so that you will know what changes may have been made to the application document.

The Office is not allowed to consider comments, unless they are written, and received prior to the end of the public comment period. You should contact the applicant for the final date of the public comment period.

If you have questions about the Mined Land Reclamation Board and Office's review and decision or appeals process, you may contact the Office at (303) 866-3567.



**Certification:**

As an authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the operation described has met the minimum requirements of the following terms and conditions:

1. To the best of my knowledge, all significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure(s) in existence at the time this application is filed, and located within 200 feet of the proposed affected area have been identified in this application (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(e), C.R.S.).
2. No mining operation will be located on lands where such operations are prohibited by law (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(f), C.R.S.);
3. As the applicant/operator, I do not have any extraction/exploration operations in the State of Colorado currently in violation of the provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Section 34-32.5-120, C.R.S.) as determined through a Board finding.
4. I understand that statements in the application are being made under penalty of perjury and that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to Section 18-8-503, C.R.S.

*This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32.5-112, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any permit issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to section 34-32.5-123, C.R.S.*

Signed and dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023.

Meeker Sand & Gravel, Inc.  
Applicant/Operator or Company Name

If Corporation Attest (Seal)

Signed: [Signature]

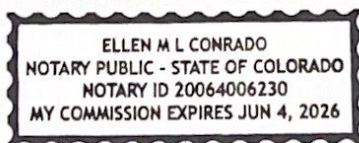
Signed: [Signature]  
Corporate Secretary or Equivalent

Title: V. President

Town/City/County Clerk

State of Colorado)  
) ss.  
County of Rio Blanco)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 2023, by Katie Conrado as Applicant of Meeker Sand & Gravel Inc.



Ellen M Conrado  
Notary Public

My Commission expires: 6-4-26

**SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK**

You must post sufficient Notices at the location of the proposed mine site to clearly identify the site as the location of a



NOTICE

This site is the location of a proposed construction materials operation. Meeker Sand & Gravel whose address and phone number is 3251 RBC #4, Meeker, CO (970) 878-3671 has applied for a Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board. Anyone wishing to comment on the application may view the application at the Rio Blanco County Clerk and Recorder's Office, 555 Main Street #2, Meeker, CO 81641, and should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period to the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

Certification:

I, Katie Conrado, hereby certify that I posted a sign containing the above notice for the proposed permit area known as the (Name of Operation) Meeker Sand & Gravel Pit, on (Dated Posted) 10/3/23.



Signature

10/3/23

Date



**C.M.L.R.B.**  
***Permit #76-038***  
**Meeker Sand & Gravel  
Operator**

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# INTRODUCTION / BACKGROUND

## Meeker Sand & Gravel: M-1976-038

The Meeker Sand & Gravel pit is a dry pit located on the top of a hill on what is known as the “Mesa” area approximately 3 miles southeast of Meeker in Rio Blanco County. The mine holds a 112 c Reclamation Permit #M-1976-038. The mine was originally permitted by Bob Dearman. In 1975, Dearman successfully sought a special use permit with Rio Blanco County for the entire gravel pit acreage. In later years, the pit was operated by Tesoro, White River Aggregates and Frontier Materials. In 1982 Joe Conrado with Meeker Sand & Gravel took the permit over. Prior to transfer of the permit, all of the overburden and topsoil had been stripped and moved to current storage locations.

In 1992, AM-1 increased the permit acreage to 78.8 acres with a maximum of 65 disturbed acres. In 2013, mine owner Joe Conrado sold the operation to children, Dan Conrado and Katie Conrado. At this time, all disturbed areas had been previously stripped of overburden and topsoil. The mine continued actively mining with reclamation taking place as soon as feasible and in 2018, under AR-1, 17.11 acres were released: 6.11 acres reclaimed and 11 acres (TR-3) which would remain un-reclaimed to allow for continued use of batch plant, shop, office, ancillary storage buildings and truck/vehicle/equipment storage following completion of mining. This brought the current total permit area to 61.69. On June 8, 2023, AR-2 was submitted and filed with the DRMS and final release was granted on 14.48 acres.

The majority of the aggregate reserves in the current permitted mine have been mined, pushing mining toward the edges of the present boundary. We seek to amend the mining permit to allow for mining up to the mine boundaries, while keeping safe slopes intact, in an effort to extract all of the gravel reserves which exist and can be mined.

A lease has been negotiated with property owner Joe Conrado to expand and mine the pit westerly following extraction of the remaining gravel reserves along the edges of the current permit.

Aggregate quantities necessary to supply demand in the area vary greatly from year to year and has affected the timing of mining in the current permit and will affect the timeline for the proposed mine expansion. Active mining follows regional demand for product, which can cause the required mined aggregate to be less in some years, followed by years with greater demand. This influx of demand has been a primary reason why the current mine permit has been able to supply the aggregate necessary to the area for 45 years.

At this time, we are filing an amendment to the current reclamation plan to allow for:

- Expanding directly to the west of currently-permitted mine for a new proposed total permitted acreage of 124.20 acres. This proposed land has been approved for mining previously through Rio Blanco County.
- Allowing for mining to take place up to permit boundaries in an effort to utilize all gravel reserves available as the edges are cleaned up, while maintaining a 3:1 slope for final reclamation of these areas

- Expanding the area that will remain un-reclaimed following completion of mining to allow for continued industrial use of batch plant, truck/equipment storage, office and shop area from 11 acres to 11.51 acres
- Revising acreages to correctly reflect updated, surveyed mapping that was done in 2023