



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety


Department of Natural Resources

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: Cesar Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1998-101	MINERAL: Sand and gravel and	COUNTY: Pueblo
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: November 6, 2023	INSP. TIME: 11:30
OPERATOR: Tony J. Beltramo and Sons, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Tim Beltramo	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$219,000.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Brock Bowles	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: December 1, 2023

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: New electric utility poles are not identified on the mining and reclamation maps. A structure agreement is needed between the operator and structure owner (Rule 6.4.19(c))

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Submit updated mining and reclamation maps showing the location of the new electric utility power pole on each map. Submit a notarized letter, on utility letterhead, from the owner(s) of the utility that the mining and reclamation activities, as proposed, will have "no negative effect" on their utility (Rule 6.4.19(c)). These three items are due within 60 days of this inspection report issuance.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 1/30/24

OBSERVATIONS

This was a routine monitoring inspection conducted by Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Tim Beltramo of Tony Beltramo and Sons, Inc. (operator) was present for the inspection. The Cesar Pit is a 112c site permitted for 180 acres and is in Pueblo County approximately 4 miles south-southeast of Pueblo. The post-mining land use is rangeland. The weather during the inspection was clear, warm, and the ground was dry.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

The current mining area and screening equipment are located northeast of the feedlot access road (photo 1). The high wall is located on the south side of the mining area. It is about 30 feet high and 1,000 feet long (photo 2).

Product stockpiles are located north of the mining area and the product was being loaded onto trucks during the inspection. No mining or processing was taking place.

A high-power electric utility line has been installed through the mining area (photo 2). This line is traversing the mine permit and is not part of the mining operation. A steel power pole with a concrete footer has been installed in the middle of the current mining area. A possible problem has been cited because the power pole is not identified on the Mining Plan map and the Reclamation Plan map. Also, a structure agreement with the utility company needs to be submitted to the Division. See Possible Problem citation above for more information.

Revegetation:

The area southwest of the feedlot access road is not currently being mined and is mostly in reclamation (photo 3). No mining equipment was in this area. The scale house and haul road are still in place and are not being reclaimed at this time.

The pit walls have been graded to approximately 3h:1v and seeded. The pit floor west of the haul road has been seeded but the seed mix did not germinate in some areas (photo 4). This area will have to be evaluated as to why the seed mix did not sprout. Compaction may be a factor since this was where the processing equipment was located.

The area immediately southwest of the feedlot has some mining debris that still needs to be cleaned up.

Signs and Markers:

The mine entrance sign was in place facing St. Charles Road.

The mine permit boundary markers were in place (photo 5).

Topsoil:

Topsoil has been salvaged in front of the highwall working face. The topsoil is stored in piles above the highwall. Although, the high wall is getting close to the topsoil piles and the piles will need to be relocated soon.

The Division evaluated the financial warranty and determined the current bond amount held by the Division is adequate at this time.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – Processing area northeast of feedlot access road.



Photo 2 – Pit area with newly installed utility pole



Photo 3 – Southwestern mining area is mostly reclaimed.



Photo 4 – The seed mix did not sprout in this area southwest of the feedlot.



Photo 5 – Permit boundary marker near feedlot entrance.

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>PB</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>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

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