




**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> City of Rifle Material Resource Area	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2007-030	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Garfield
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> January 31, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 08:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> City of Rifle	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Colton Secary	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<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> Todd Jesse	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> February 8, 2024	

**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>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>Y</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>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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection report was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. The City of Rifle Material Resource Area is a 110c Operation operated by the City of Rifle. The site is located within the city of Rifle, CO at an elevation of approximately 5350 feet. The site consists of 9.9 acres to be reclaimed for the post mine land use of industrial/commercial. Pursuant to Rule 4.1.2(2) no financial warranty is held for the site. Colton Secary, a representative of the City of Rifle Public Works, was present for the inspection.

The proper mine identification signage was posted at an entrance to the site off Hospital Hill Rd. Permit boundaries are clearly marked with fence line. The site was not active at the time of the inspection and no mining/processing equipment was present. There are no on-site support facilities or hydrocarbon storage of any kind. The site acts as an intermittent source of material for City of Rifle Public Works projects. Equipment is brought to site when there is a need to mine and process more material.

The City of Rifle is mining a river rock seam below clay overburden. The pit is located along a terrace above the Colorado River. Mining has been conducted according to the submitted plan. There is a highwall onsite that is approximately 20 feet high and 40 feet long. Away from the highwall, the slopes of the pit are stable and well vegetated - showing no signs of erosion or slumping. Multiple stockpiles of various sized materials both processed and unprocessed are located within the permit boundary. There is no evidence of impounded meteoric water or exposed groundwater within the permit boundary. A berm along the southern edge of the mining area for sediment control. Bobcat tracks were seen in mud in the mining area.

The Division noted an infestation of Salt Cedar (*Tamarix spp.*) in the southern area of the permit boundary. This species is categorized as a List B noxious weed by the State of Colorado's Department of Agriculture. The Division also noted an infestation of Downy Brome (*Bromus tectorum*). This species is categorized as a List C noxious weed by the State of Colorado's Department of Agriculture. **Per Rule 3.1.10(6) weed control shall be employed for state listed noxious weed species. Please contact the Garfield County Noxious Weed Program to develop a Weed Management Plan.**

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 January 31, 2024 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 62<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:todd.jesse@state.co.us).



## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: View to the north of highwall in the mining area.



Photo 2: View to the north of stockpiles in the mining area.



Photo 3: View to the southeast of berm to control sediment in mining area.



Photo 4: View to the south of Salt Cedar within the permit boundary.



Photo 5: View to the north of Brome Grass within the permit area.



Photo 6: View to the southwest of undisturbed area to the northeast of the mining area.

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