




**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> Walker Pit North	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1984-140	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Prowers
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> February 14, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Prowers County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<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> Zach Trujillo	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> February 21, 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>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>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</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>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 as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety normal monitoring program by Zach Trujillo. The Walker Pit North is a 110c sand and gravel pit that consists of a total of 9.9 acres. It is located in Prowers County approximately seven miles southeast of Lamar, CO and is accessed from Prowers County Road 10. Mr. Mark Dorenkamp, of Prowers County, met the Division at a previous inspection for a Prowers County site and decided to not attend the additional inspections scheduled for the day of February 14, 2024. A concerned landowner adjacent to the site met the Division on site to discuss the inspection. The adjacent landowner had no issues and the inspection continued as planned.

The mine identification sign was located at the gated site entrance with all required information for compliance. Permit boundary markers are metal yellow poles and were observed along the corners of the permit boundary within line of sight of each other. No equipment was on site during the inspection. The mine site runs adjacent to a natural drainage east of the site which only receives surface runoff from seasonal weather events. The creek is dry most of the year and mining activities are approved at a 100 foot set back from the creek. Due to the mine's relative location, little to no topsoil salvaging was possible due to scouring from high flows within the adjacent creek.

Multiple material stockpiles were observed on site within the pit floor. Highwalls are sloped to approximately 3:1 and were around 10 feet in depth. The mined highwalls follows the current haul road along the western portion of the site. The road was stable and maintained. Native vegetative encroachment has occurred due to the lack of recent mining along the highwall slopes and base of the pit. No major erosion was observed. Earlier discussions with Mr. Dorenkamp stated that stockpiles on site are used intermittently for road maintenance as needed by the county.

No bond is associated with the Walker Pit North as it is owned and operated by a government entity, Prowers County.

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.

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Mine identification sign.



Mine site overview looking southeast.



Material stockpiles.



Pit floor and highwall.

**Inspection Contact Address**

None

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Enclosure

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