




**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> North R-34 Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1996-008	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Montrose
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> February 28, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Western Gravel, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$23,380.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin Czapla	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> February 29, 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>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>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</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

### **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate conditions observed.

The North R-34 Pit is located approximately 2.5 miles northwest of Montrose and accessed from La Salle Road. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 37.4 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$23,380.00 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan. The Operator will be notified under separate cover if the Division determines that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient.

There has been no additional mining since the Division's last inspection. Mining disturbance is still contained within the Phase 1 area. The pond includes approximately 2.5 acres. The pond slopes have been mined at approximately 2H:1V. The area on the east side of the pond, approximately one acre, has been graded level and appeared to be a stockpile/staging area. Topsoil is stockpiled in the northwest corner of the Phase 1 area. The Phase 2 area is not yet disturbed.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by fencing and posts that were clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

There was no fuel or other hazardous materials stored on site.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street Room 215, Denver, Colorado, 80203, phone number (303) 866-3567, ext. 8188.

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