




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: Stewart Pit II	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2009-010	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Kit Carson
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Foggy	INSP. DATE: February 16, 2024	INSP. TIME: 13:30
OPERATOR: McCormick Excavation & Paving, LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$3,919.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Elliott Russell	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: March 15, 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</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>Y</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>Y</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

PROBLEMS/POSSIBLE VIOLATIONS

None observed during the inspection.

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted after the Jim McCormick, representing McCormick Excavation & Paving, LLC (Operator) called the Division in early February to discuss how he recently sold his business and would be transferring his permits to the new Operator or would be seeking final reclamation release. The Operator indicated that the reclamation work at the Stewart Pit II had been completed. The Division determined it would be best to inspect the as a normal monitoring inspection to evaluate the existing conditions. Following the inspection, the Division recommended the Operator submit a release request. On February 22, 2024, the Division received a Full/Final Release Request (SL1).

The Stewart Pit II is a Construction Material Regular 112c Operation Reclamation Permit and is approved to affect 58 acres of land. Affected lands will be reclaimed to support pastureland post-mining land use. The mine is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Stratton, Colorado. The Operator was contacted prior to the inspection but was unable to accompany the Division. At 1330 hours, the Division arrived at the mine site, located ½ mile south of County Road N, on the west side of County Road 26.

Availability Of Records: The Annual Report and Fee are complied with through March 2023. The previous inspection was on March 21, 2021. There are no open infractions. After finding SL1 complete, the Division notified the landowner, the Kit Carson County Commissions, and the Burlington Conservation District of the Operator's request to be released from reclamation responsibility, as required by Rule 4.17.2. To date, the Division has not received any comments nor objections to the full release request.

Hydrologic Balance: Impacts to the prevailing hydrologic balance appeared to have been minimized. No exposed groundwater nor impounded storm water were observed during the inspection.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan: The operation appeared to have followed the approved mine plan. The site consist of two mining areas, a northern area originally permitted and a southern area which was incorporated into the permit through Conversion CN1.

Backfilling and Grading: All slopes appeared to be appropriately backfilled and/or graded.

Sediment Control: The slopes within the permit boundary appeared stable and showed no signs of erosion.

Revegetation: Although dormant, the Division has determined that the affected lands were vegetated with a diverse stand of mature grass species. Vegetative cover appeared to match adjacent off-site areas. No noxious weed infestations were observed.

Reclamation Success: Reclamation efforts appeared to have been successful. Nothing observed during the inspection would prevent the Division from approving the release request. **The Division will approve the release request at this time.** The final release of paperwork and performance warranty will be returned to the Operator after the 30-day appeal period has expired if there are no objections to the release decision.

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report; a subset of photographs taken during the time of the inspection are included below. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at **303-866-3567 x8132**, or by email at elliott.russell@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. Sample photo of the reclaimed northern mining area; looking north.



Photo 2. Sample photo of the reclaimed northern mining area; looking northwest.



Photo 3. Sample photo of the reclaimed southern mining area; looking southeast.



Photo 4. Sample photo of the reclaimed southern mining area; looking northeast.



Photo 5. Sample photo of the reclaimed mining area located to the west of the southern mining area; looking south.

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Enclosure: Decision Document SL1 M2009010

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