




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: Hocker Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2004-063	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: May 7, 2024	INSP. TIME: 14:45
OPERATOR: Hocker Construction, LLP	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$26,676.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 31, 2024

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.

1. INSPECTION TOPIC: Availability Of Records

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Possible Violation: The annual report and fee are past due for this site. The report and fee were due April 11, 2024.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Submit the past due annual report, annual report map and fee by the corrective action due date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 6/14/24

2. INSPECTION TOPIC: Financial Warranty

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The financial warranty is not adequate to reclaim the site in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. This is a failure to maintain the proper financial warranty amount to complete reclamation of the affected lands pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-117(4)(b) of the Act.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall submit adequate financial warranty, as determined by the Division. The Division will be sending a separate surety increase notice to the operator regarding the increase of the financial warranty. The operator will have 60 days from the date on the surety increase notice to post the additional financial warranty.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 7/01/24

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 some of the conditions observed.

The Hocker Gravel Pit is located approximately 2.8 miles southeast of Ignacio and accessed from Hwy 151. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 81.7 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$26,676.00 for this site. The Division has reviewed the reclamation costs, in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan, and determined that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient. The Operator has been notified under separate cover of a financial warranty increase.

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

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

Mining was not occurring during this inspection. Conditions at the site are similar to the Division's previous inspections. There is a vertical highwall on the east side of the Phase 1 / Phase 2 area, approximately 400 lineal feet and 25 feet high. Backfill material is stockpiled near the highwall for reclamation. Slopes in the Phase 3 area have been reduced and additional overburden material is available in this area for reclamation. Construction debris has been placed in the pit area for burial as approved by TR-01 in 2011. Overburden and topsoil stockpiles were located throughout the site. Several small piles of crushed gravel remain on site.

No other 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.





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