




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: J Birds	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2005-050	MINERAL: Uranium and vanadium	COUNTY: Montrose
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 30, 2024	INSP. TIME: 12:30
OPERATOR: Rimrock Exploration & Development, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$34,903.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: May 21, 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. PROBLEM:** The portal entry grate is open/unsecured.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Repair grate and lock securely to prevent unauthorized access into the mine. Provide photo documentation to the Division once this has been completed.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 6/21/24

- 2. PROBLEM:** Material around the venthole is caving in.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Stabilize area around venthole and provide photo documentation to the Division once this has been completed.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 6/21/24

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 J Birds Mine is located approximately five miles southwest of Paradox and accessed from Y1 Road. The site is a 110d operation that includes a total of 7.5 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$34,903.00 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 sufficient.

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

The site was placed into temporary cessation in October 2013. On May 31, 2017 the operator notified the Division that final reclamation had commenced at the site. On May 13, 2021 the Division notified the operator that reclamation would need to be completed by May of 2022. On June 1, 2022 the operator notified the Division that mining operations were resuming. On August 30, 2023 the operator again notified the Division that mining operations were resuming.

No evidence of any recent mining activity was observed. Conditions at the site were mostly unchanged from the Division's previous inspections.

The grate securing the portal entrance was unlocked. This has been noted as a problem. The grate shall be repaired/replaced and adequately secured in order to prevent unauthorized access into the mine.

An area around the venthole is collapsing again. This has been noted as a problem. This has been a recurring problem. The operator needs to stabilize the area around the venthole in order to prevent further erosion.

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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