



**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> Last Chance #3 & #4	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2008-012	<b>MINERAL:</b> Uranium and vanadium	<b>COUNTY:</b> Montrose
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 30, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 14:45
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Nuvemco, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Craig Howell	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112d-1 - Designated Mining Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$45,250.00	
<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> May 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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>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 Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. Craig Howell, representing the Operator, was present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Last Chance #3 and #4 Mine is located approximately fourteen miles west of Naturita and accessed from CR DD216. The site is a 112d operation that includes a total of 49.98 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$45,250.00 for this site. In March 2024 the Division 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 existing financial warranty amount is insufficient. A notice of financial warranty increase was mailed to the operator on March 26, 2024.

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

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

The mine portal is secured with a locked gate. Ventholes are secured with locked grating.

Topsoil is stored on the northwest side of pond 2.

The constructed stormwater controls appear effective. No erosion or sedimentation issues were noted.

Mining has not commenced and no ore or waste rock has been generated.

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.



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