




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: Walker Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1987-044	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: La Plata
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: May 7, 2024	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Elam Construction, Inc. dba Sandco, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Chuck Foutz	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$5,848.68	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 10, 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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</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>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

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. Chuck Foutz, representing the Operator, was present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Walker Pit is located approximately five miles north of Durango and accessed from CR 250 on the east side of the Animas River. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of 3.4 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$5,484.68 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.

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

The affected area was marked by posts adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

Approximately .75 acres is currently disturbed at the site. The upland part of the permit area has negligible disturbance. Mining disturbance is limited to the sand bar. Sand extraction takes place from the point bar on the east side of the Animas River. Extraction occurs during winter when the river level is low. Only minor disturbance was observed during this inspection. The sand bar regenerates as new material is deposited by the river.

Noxious weeds were not observed on site.

Erosional issues were not noted.

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, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (303) 866-3567.



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