




**MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT**  
**PHONE: (303) 866-3567**

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> Dillon Ranch Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1987-064	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> La Plata
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> May 8, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Elam Construction, Inc. dba Sandco, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Chuck Foutz	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$31,118.07	
<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> 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>N</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 Dillon Ranch Pit is located on the east side of Trimble, north of Durango, and accessed from Trimble Lane. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 106 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$31,118.07 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs 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 berms and posts adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

The permit area includes two portions that are split by the Animas River. The mining area is located on the east side of the river, while the processing/stockpile area is located on the west side.

Processing area: Materials from this site, as well as material from other permitted sites in the area, are processed here, which allows this area to serve as a central processing facility for the operator. The processing area is to be reclaimed to support an industrial/commercial post mining land use. The site consists of a large stockpile area, concrete batch plant, shop facility, office facility and storage area. The concrete batch plant was not active during the inspection but appeared to be in good condition. Several large stockpiles are located within the stockpile area and appear to be stable. North of the stockpile area is the shop facilities used for various activities including vehicle maintenance and storage. The facility itself was in good condition, and all items being stored around it were in a neat and orderly fashion. No problems were noted in this area.

Mining Area: Mining was not occurring during this inspection. Mining has created a large pond. Mining is progressing from south to north. Mined material is transported across the river for processing. Pond banks appeared stable. Vegetation on the southern reclaimed banks is well established. No problems were noted in this area.

Noxious weed infestations were not observed on site.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (303) 866-3567.









**Inspection Contact Address**

Jim Doody  
Elam Construction, Inc. dba Sandco, Inc.  
556 Struthers Ave.  
Grand Junction, CO 81501