




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: Bulldog Mine Operation	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-215	MINERAL: Lead and silver	COUNTY: Mineral
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: May 14, 2024	INSP. TIME: 09:00
OPERATOR: Rio Grande Silver, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Randy McClure	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112d-2 - Designated Mining Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$163,228.13	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 14, 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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</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>Y</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>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</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 normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety's Active Mines Program. The Bulldog Mine is a 112d-2 Operation in Active status. The site is located approximately ½ mile northwest of Creede, CO in Mineral County at an elevation of 9370 feet. The site consists of 568 Permitted Acres for the underground extraction of gold, silver, and other base metals. Operator representative Randy McClure of Rio Grande Silver accompanied the inspection.

Backfilling and Grading:

The 9700 Level Portal has been reclaimed and is not used in operations (Photo 1). The bat gate at the portal was secured at the time of the inspection. The portal closure is stable. There are no signs of displacement around the gate. The slopes above and adjacent to the closure are stable and show no signs of slumping or erosion.

Financial Warranty

The Division holds a Financial Surety in the amount of \$163,288.13. A reclamation cost estimate update was done as part of the most recent technical revision in September of 2023. The Financial Warranty for the site is sufficient and will not be recalculated at this time.

Hydrologic Balance:

The mine is not being dewatered at this time and no water is being trucked to the lined contact water pond on TP-2. There is a small amount of meteoric water that has collected in the lined contact water pond (Photo 2). No evaporators were in use at this time. The operator submitted a technical revision in the fall of 2023 to install infrastructure to discharge to Windy Gulch. The TR was approved, but infrastructure has yet to be constructed. The operator is also awaiting issuance of a discharge permit from CDPHE. Water was flowing in Windy Gulch and the culverts appeared to be functioning as designed (Photo 3).

All hydrocarbons are stored in the facilities area near the 9400 Portal. On site fuel storage is an above ground diesel tank. The tank is double walled and set within a lined containment structure providing tertiary spill containment (Photo 4). A spill pad has been installed in the front of the building to prevent spills. All other hydrocarbons are stored on secondary containment and no spills or leaks were observed.

Gen. Compliance with Mine Plan:

The site was not active at the time of the inspection. The 9400 Level portal is the main access and ore removal for underground workings (Photo 5). The main portal was open at the time of the inspection for maintenance work. The portal door is in excellent condition and shows no signs of damage or vandalism. The vent fan is in good condition. There are no signs of settling, slumping, or erosion above or around the portal.

Roads:

The majority of the roads were accessible and well maintained. Auxiliary roads to access the 9700 Portal Area were in good conditions. There was still a large amount of mud and some snow along the road to the Windy Gulch Vent Shaft (Photo 6). No significant erosion or instability was noted along the roadways.

Revegetation:

No state listed invasive species were identified during the inspection. Annual report states that the operator sprayed for Canada thistle in the fall of 2023 near TP-2 and the 9400 Portal Area.

Support Facilities On-site:

The main facilities adjacent to the office include a core logging building, maintenance shop, fuel storage

building and material storage. The core logging building was in immaculate condition and very well kept in anticipation of upcoming exploration programs. The shotcrete batch plant was removed from site and the building that housed it is now used for a maintenance and storage building. Like the core logging building, all other structures in the facilities area are in good condition and very well kept.

Signs and Markers:

The proper Mine Identification Sign was posted at the entrance to the site (Photo 7) and throughout the various areas of the permit boundaries. Public access to the site is controlled by a locked gate along the access road to the office and facilities area, as well as a series of locked gates along the access roads of the ancillary facilities located across the permitted area.

No maintenance items or possible violations were noted or observed during the May 14, 2024 inspection.

All responses to this report should be directed to Todd Jesse with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at 720-688-0626 or by email at todd.jesse@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: View to the northwest of 9700 Portal.



Photo 2: View to the southwest of meteoric water in lined pond on TP-2



Photo 3: View to the east of culvert in Windy Gulch near the 9700 Portal.



Photo 4: View to the northwest of 9700 Portal.



Photo 5: View to the west of 9400 Portal.



Photo 6: View to the northwest of mud on road to Windy Gulch Vent Shaft.



Photo 7: View to the north of proper Mine ID signage at entrance to permit.

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