




**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> West Side Placer Bulk Sample Program	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> P-2023-014	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gold and rare earths	<b>COUNTY:</b> Moffat
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 10, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> AuPt Industries LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Peter Freedman	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> MP - Mineral Prospecting	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$8,000.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Hunter Ridley	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 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>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>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 by Hunter Ridley with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) as part of the normal monitoring program. Peter Freedman, representing AuPt Industries, LLC accompanied the Division on the inspection. The West Side Placer Bulk Sample Program is a minerals prospecting permitted site that includes a total of 4 acres of disturbance on State Land Board land. This site is located on the 15 miles southwest of Baggs, WY and is accessed from Moffat County Road 88. The site was not active at the time of inspection.

**Availability of Records:** Annual reports are current, having been filed through July 2024, stating the last activity was on January 15, 2024. This is the first inspection of the site since permitting.

**Backfilling and Grading:** With the approval of Modification (MD-1) in 2023, the permit is approved for 24 test pits and 38 drill holes. Only a portion of these test pits (~22 pits) have been utilized so far and no drilling activity has yet occurred. However, backfilling for all disturbed excavated test pits to date has been completed (Photos 1 -3).

**Financial Warranty:** The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$8,000.00 for this site. The Division has found the current bond to be adequate for reclamation of the site.

**Fish and Wildlife:** No impact to wildlife was observed. The Operator stated that cows are sometimes let onto this area to graze.

**Hydrologic Balance:** No impacts to the hydrologic balance were observed.

**Processing Waste:** No processing waste was observed.

**On site Support Facilities:** No drilling equipment or other support equipment was observed within the permit area.

**Revegetation:** The reclaimed test pits have not yet been formally reclaimed, though the Operator stated their intent to seed the pads this fall. Some volunteer vegetation is encroaching naturally on these backfilled areas (Photos 1 and 3).

**Sediment Control:** No BMPs were determined to be needed at the time of the inspection.

**Permit Stipulations:** There are no permit stipulations.

Photographs taken during the inspection have been included below. Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Hunter Ridley at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 720-868-7757 or via email at [hunter.ridley@state.co.us](mailto:hunter.ridley@state.co.us)

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1: View of a typical partially reclaimed pad.**



**Photo 2: Partially reclaimed pads are located in various areas, both near and far from the main road.**



**Photo 3: A partially reclaimed pad with volunteer vegetation.**

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