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M1991086 - Earl Hoffman Reyher Pit #3, April 2024 Inspection Report

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Doug,

The report of the inspection of the Earl Hoffman Reyher Pit #3 conducted earlier this year is attached for your records. No action on your part is required.

Please let me know if you have any questions,
Leigh

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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: Earl-Hoffman-Reyher Pit #3	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1991-086	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Bent
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: IT.Inspection_weather.CD.D	INSP. DATE: April 16, 2024	INSP. TIME: 14:00
OPERATOR: Bent County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Doug Sykes	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Leigh Simmons	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 31, 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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>Y</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>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 (Division). The inspection was conducted by Leigh Simmons of the Division, and accompanied by Doug Sykes of Bent County Road and Bridge. At the time of the inspection the position of Bent County Administrator (the permitting contact) was vacant, but it has since been filled by Doug Bankert.

The Earl Hoffman Reyher Pit #3 is a 112(c) operation with a total permit area of 23.80 acres, located on private land approximately 4 miles south-east of the city of McClave, on the north bank of the Arkansas River. The pit is accessed from County Rd 30, north of the bridge over the Arkansas.

The permit was last revised with TR-2, in 2013, which allowed for intermittent operation.

The locations of photos taken during the inspection are shown on the screenshot of the field map.

Financial Warranty:

As is consistent for all county-operated pits, the Division does not hold a reclamation bond for the site.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

There was no activity at the pit at the time of the inspection. Stockpiles of material were on site, ready for use. Mr Sykes estimated that there would be activity at the site for about 2 weeks per year on average.

Revegetation:

The site was very dry. Vegetation was unexpectedly diverse, including yucca. It was not easily distinguishable from the surrounding area and had been heavily grazed.

Signs and Markers:

The Mine ID sign was in place. The corners of the permit area were well marked.

Topsoil:

Topsoil had been stockpiled.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Screenshot of inspection map, showing approximate permit boundary in purple and inspection features in green



Figure 2: Mine ID sign (223)



Figure 3: Typical boundary marker (217)



Figure 4: View from south-west corner of permit area, with stockpiled sand



Figure 5: Southern edge of permit area and Arkansas River (221)



Figure 6: Stockpiled topsoil



Figure 7: Diverse vegetation on topsoil stockpile

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