




**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> DeBeque Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1981-058	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Mesa
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> August 27, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 15:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Thomas F & Ginger L Latham	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Tom Latham	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$58,202.18	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amy Yeldell	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> September 3, 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>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</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>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</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 Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) normal monitoring program. DeBeque Sand and Gravel Resources is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 41.7 permitted acres. The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$58,202.18 for this site. This site located approximately four mile south of DeBeque, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 6. Thomas and Ginger Latham represented the operator, Rich Livingston, the Latham's counsel was also present. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection.

The mine identification sign and affected area boundary markers remain in place. This site is in final reclamation. No equipment, fuel or other mining related items are stored on site at this time. The site is clean and free of trash and other miscellaneous debris.

The norther half of the pond was reclaimed by Elam many years ago. The southern half of the pond and the stockpile areas was reclaimed in 2021 by Kirkland. All stockpiles have been removed. All the slopes around the pond were regraded to a 3H: 1V or less. Topsoil has been applied to all affected areas and revegetated. A small two track road remains around the perimeter of the pond, as well as an access road through the fields to the pond. Vegetation has been established and no signs of erosion were observed. Noxious weeds were observed however this is not cited as a problem as the Division sees this site as a sink rather than a source. Evidence of treatment was observed.

The Division has received all required documentation to cover the exposed groundwater of the pond mentioned in the previous inspection report.

The currently approved final reclamation plan calls for the majority of the permit to become a pond. The operator will need to update the reclamation plan map to reflect the current site conditions (As-built map). Please also depict any roads that will remain as well. This update should be submitted in the form of a Technical Revision with the required \$216 revision fee to the Division's Denver office. It can also be submitted electronically via the Division's ePermitting system.

Based on this inspection it is determined that the Operator has successfully complied with the requirements of the Act, Rules and Regulations, and the approved Reclamation Plan, and that the permit area is ready to be released from any further reclamation responsibility. If the operator submits an release request (SL) within 60 days this inspection will count as the release inspection.

No problems were noted during the inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Rm 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver Co 80216. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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