




**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> Latham - Burkett Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1983-013	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Mesa
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> September 24, 2024	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:20
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jesse Farmer	<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> \$41,884.00	
<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 30, 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>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</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>N</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>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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 Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. The Latham-Burkett Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 140.7 permitted acres. This site is located approximately one mile south of DeBeque, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from Highway 6. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Jesse Farmer with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County represented the operator.

### **Acid And Toxic Materials:**

No fuel or other hazardous materials remain on site.

### **Backfilling and Grading:**

All excavations have been regarded to a 3H: 1V or less slope. There are no remaining highwalls or stockpiles which require grading.

### **Explosives:**

No explosives were used in conjunction with this mining operation.

### **Financial Warranty:**

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$41,884 for this site. The bond was last recalculated in 2018. Given that the site is in final reclamation the Divisions finds the current Financial Warranty adequate.

### **Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:**

Mining has concluded at this site. All equipment and mining related features have been removed from the site.

### **Processing Waste:**

All stockpiles have been removed from site.

### **Roads:**

A small two track road remains to navigate between the ponds from each of the gated entrances.

### **Reclamation Success:**

All affected lands have been reclaimed and appear to coincide with the approved Reclamation Plan. Under TR-2 the flat stockpile area (17 acres) is now being used as an agricultural laydown yard. All mined ponds have been graded and revegetated with the approved seed mix. These ponds were reclaimed a number of years ago based on the Mesa County's Accessors website. Ponds 3 and 4 were mined and reclaimed prior to 1997. Pond 2 was mined starting in 2007 and reclaimed in 2009. Pond one was mined in 2008 and reclaimed in 2013.

### **Revegetation:**

Vegetation surrounding the ponds appears to be comparable to other areas adjacent to the Colorado River corridor. It is predominantly perennial grasses with a fair amount of Russian Olive and Tamarisk trees. The site is the sink rather than the source of noxious weeds in the area. Vegetation appears to be sustainable and diverse. Sufficient density has been established to oblivate any risk of sedimentation or erosion.

**Subsidence:**

No subsidence was observed.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

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









