




**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> Hall Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1983-142	<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> 12:00
<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> Complete Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$38,450.00	
<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> October 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>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>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</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>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's (Division) normal monitoring program. The Hall Pit is a 112c permitted site that includes a total of 50 permitted acres. The Hall Pit is located adjacent to the BLM Pit No. 1 (M-2001-100) also permitted by Oldcastle. This site is located approximately two mile south of Clifton, Colorado in Mesa County and is accessed from B ½ Road. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Jesse Farmer with Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County represented the operator.

### **Availability Of Records:**

Based on the 2024 annual report the Operator has indicated that they intend to begin final reclamation of the site.

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

No fuel or other hazardous materials remain on site.

### **Backfilling and Grading:**

Only the southeastern portion of the permit areas has been affected to date. No highwalls were observed. A few stockpiles have been removed however the vast majority of stockpiles remain in place. These piles will need to be removed or smoothed out.

### **Explosives:**

No explosives were used in conjunction with this mining operation.

### **Financial Warranty:**

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$38,450 for this site. The bond was last updated in 2021 with SI-1. In an effort to ensure the Financial Warranty adequately, reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division will be updating the reclamation cost estimate. If the current bond is found to be insufficient the Division will send a Notice of Surety Increase under a separate cover.

### **Hydrologic Balance:**

No exposed groundwater was observed during the inspection.

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

Based on the annual report the site has been active annually. However, the map of the annual report indicates little to not activity on site. Per Rule 1.13 Active status requires mining annually more than 180 days. If the mine ceases production for more than a year it shall go into temporary cessation or enter into final reclamation. Given that the operator has indicated that they intend to reclaim the site this is not cited as a problem.

### **Roads:**

The access road to the Hall Pit is shared with the BLM Pit No. 1. The removal of the road is covered under this the BLM Pit's bond. Removal of the scale and scale house is covered under the Hall Pit.

### **Reclamation Success:**

No areas were evaluated for success of final reclamation.

**Revegetation:**

The pit floor had a fair amount of Russian Thistle and Halogeton. If reclamation is to occur in the near future the Division recommends aggressive treatment of noxious weeds to avoid accumulating a seedbank prior to initiating reclamation.

**Subsidence:**

No subsidence was observed.

**Sediment Control:**

The access road is paved however is covered in nearly 4 inches of sediment from runoff flowing down the road. Additional stormwater controls should be installed to avoid sediment leaving the property.

**Support Facilities On-site:**

There is a scale and scale house located near the entrance of the pit.

No problems or violations were noted during this 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**









