




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: Loesch Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1981-068	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Garfield
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety-Related Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: September 23, 2024	INSP. TIME: 14:00
OPERATOR: Western Slope Materials, LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Sean Mello	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Related	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Todd Jesse	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: October 14, 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>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</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>N</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 Succession of Operator 3 (SO-3) to verify onsite conditions. The Loesch Pit is a 112c Operation Western Slope Materials LLC. The site is located 2.75 miles west of Silt, CO at an elevation of approximately 5,300 feet. Public access is controlled by a gate off of CO Hwy 346. Sean Mello of Western Slope Materials was present during the inspection. The site was not active at the time of the inspection. The pit has been purchased by Western Slope Materials, but the permit has still been under Grant Brothers Construction. The operators plan to submit paperwork to transfer the permit to Western Slope in the coming months.

Financial Warranty:

In an effort to ensure the financial warranty remains adequate to reclaim this site per the requirements of the approved reclamation plan, DRMS has updated the Reclamation Cost Estimate. The updated estimate is attached to this inspection report. Calculations estimate the cost of reclamation to be \$38,682. This is an increase of \$8,214 over the current surety held by the Division for the site. A Notice of Surety Increase will be sent under a separate cover as part of the Succession of Operator process.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

Mining is being conducted in accordance with the approved mining plan. At the time of the inspection, approximately 75 acres of the approved 167 acres were disturbed. Mining is occurring from east to west. There is a highwall approximately 700'-800' in length in the southwest corner of the pit. Product stockpiles are located within the pit. The western portion of the permit boundary is undisturbed.

Grant Bros Construction has removed their equipment from site. The site displays good housekeeping. Material in the laydown yard has been removed.

Hydrologic Balance:

Groundwater has been exposed in the pit. The pit is being dewatered and the operator has a CPDPHE permit to discharge. A small ditch runs across the pit floor to direct seeping groundwater to the northwest corner of the pit. The water collects in a small pool with a pump house and is then discharged to the Colorado River.

Fuel has been removed from site. Empty barrels have also been removed from the site. No evidence of spills were observed onsite.

Roads:

The access road into the pit and auxiliary roads around the working areas are well maintained. There were no signs of instability or significant erosion.

Signs and Markers:

The mine identification sign and the affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The boundary is marked by fence line that is easily identifiable. The mine identification sign was located on the permit boundary at the main entrance to the site off CO Hwy 346.

All responses to this report should be directed to Todd Jesse with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (720) 688-0626 or by email at todd.jesse@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: View to the northwest of product stockpiles on pit floor



Photo 2: View to the northwest of undisturbed portions of the permit.



Photo 3: View to the southeast of dewatering system.



Photo 4: View to the north proper Mine ID at the entrance to the site.



Photo 5: View to the east of fence marking the permit boundary.

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