



COLORADO
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety
Department of Natural Resources

November 25, 2024

Chris Zadel
Northern Colorado Constructors, Inc.
9075 Weld County Rd 10
Fort Lupton, CO 80621

Re: Complaint Received, CT-3, NCCI Pit #1, Permit No. M-2001-107

Dear Mr. Zadel:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS) received a complaint against the above referenced operation on November 22, 2024. A copy of the complaint letter and associated documentation has been enclosed for your records. Please respond to the items contained within the attached complaint no later than December 22, 2024. The Division is currently reviewing the complaint and the permit and will contact you if it is determined that an inspection is warranted.

If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me by email at patrick.lennberg@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

Patrick Lennberg
Environmental Protection Specialist

Attachment: Complaint from Patrick Hladky

cc: Jared Ebert; DRMS

ec: Chris Zadel, NCCI, chrisz@nconconstructors.com
JC York, JT Consulting, jcyork@j-tconsulting.com



Attachments

Report Possible Violation/Illegal Activity



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COMPLAINANT INFORMATION

Note: You are requesting an investigation of a compliance issue with DRMS rules. This form is not intended for comments or objections on permitting actions under review.

Date of Complaint

11/22/2024

***** *Indicates a Required Field*

This form is for requests to investigate compliance issues with DRMS rules. This form is not intended for comments or objections on permitting actions.

Do you wish to remain anonymous? *

☐ Yes ☒ No

Please note that, if you choose to remain anonymous, the complaint will be investigated but the Division will not contact you to follow up on the complaint.

Your First Name *

Patrick

Your Last Name *

Hladky

Your Address *

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Your City *

Fort Lupton

Your State

CO

Your Zip Code *

Maximum of 10 digits. (Example) 80202

80621

Email Address *

Enter a valid email address in this field to receive a confirmation e-mail and copy of your Complaint form.

patrickhlady@yahoo.com

Your Phone Number *

Used only to follow up. Please enter phone number in this format: (Example) 123-456-7890

720-300-8852

Alternate Phone Number

Used only to follow up. Please enter phone number in this format: (Example) 123-456-7890

Connection to Incident *

Select all that apply

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Owner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Owner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nearby Resident | <input type="checkbox"/> Observed Incident |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> | |

DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT

(Please be as specific as possible)

Note: You are requesting an investigation of a compliance issue with DRMS rules. This form is not intended for comments or objections on permitting actions under review. Please provide as much detail related to location and issue as possible. Without enough detail, DRMS will not be able to process or investigate the complaint and, therefore, DRMS will have no choice but to discard the complaint.

Location of Concern *

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the location. If available, please include Township, Range and Section, physical address, or GPS location. You may also upload a pdf map below.

Nw corner of intersection cr 18 and cr 25 west of the river 3/4 of a mile. A 120 acre pit owned by the City of Thorton

Incident County *

Weld County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Damage |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mine Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Waste Management / Dumping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Signs and Markers | <input type="checkbox"/> Overburden / Development Waste |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Financial Warranty | <input type="checkbox"/> Backfilling and Grading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Waste / Tailings | <input type="checkbox"/> Processing Facilities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish / Wildlife | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erosion / Sedimentation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Off-Site Damage | <input type="checkbox"/> Roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives / Blasting | <input type="checkbox"/> Topsoil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Revegetation | <input type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="text"/> |

Detailed description of the issue(s) * (?)

Please provide as much detail as possible. It is important to narrow down the issue(s).

The City of Thorton owns over a 120 acre pit that was lined over 60 feet deep to bedrock 2 years ago by a contractor. For the over the last 2 years, through the process of mounding, has inevitably raised the watertable to above surface on the neighboring property to the west, turning once excelent drained and productive farm land into a phreatophyte thriving wetland. My corn was unproductive for the second year in a row and I am unable to harvest due to the swamp the city has created. The City of thorton is blocking the return flows to the river furthermore impacting all water owners down stream and directly impacting my farm ground. I was unable to drive back to the back pasture and treat my cows that had pink eye this summer because my access was, and still is below water. I lost one last year to the mud that was created from the slurry wall that was built. The result of increasing the water table also increases the amount of salt that can be seen in one of the pictures turning this productive soil to alkaline where it is not submerged. I would like to request the records for the last 3 years from the monitoring wells that are on my farm property that the city of thorton has been monitoring.

Have you contacted the operator or party conducting the operation? If yes, please provide details. *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Details

Scott twombly with the city of thorton

If known, please provide the name of the operator or party conducting the operation.

Chris zadel

If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M1970111 or P1970111).

Must be entered in the following format: M1970111 or P1970111 (No dashes allowed)

Have you contacted any other agencies or local governments related to this issue or issues? If so, please provide details. *

☐ Yes ☒ No

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload? *

☒ Yes ☐ No

Attachments are accepted for informational purposes only. Action by DRMS requires a direct observation by DRMS staff.

Upload Supporting Documents

Maximum of 5 files can be uploaded and each file size must be 10mb and under. PDF, JPG, and PNG formats only.

20241102_145714.jpg	3.76MB
20241102_145519.jpg	3.11MB
20230825_111657.jpg	5.01MB
View rece.jpg	760.47KB
20241102_145522.jpg	3.07MB
IMG_7025.jpg	470.55KB
20241103_093135.jpg	2.46MB

What is your preferred method for DRMS to communicate with you throughout the investigation? *

Select all that apply

☒ Phone ☐ E-mail ☐ US Mail













