

## MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
Clayton Sand and Gravel		M-1999-022	Sand and gravel	Saguache
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b>		WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE:	<b>INSP. TIME:</b>
Surety Release Inspection			November 19, 2024	12:30
OPERATOR:		<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Eddie Clayton		Rod Clayton	110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION:		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Surety Release Requested			\$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
NA		None	None	
INSPECTOR(S):	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE DATE:	
Todd Jesse	Tald Jesse		December 5, 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>N</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>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION Y
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS Y	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP Y
(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 report was conducted as part of the Surety Release requested by Rod Clayton at the Clayton Sand and Gravel site. Clayton Sand and Gravel is a 110c Operation operated by Eddie Clayton. The site is located 8 miles west of Center, CO at an elevation of 7,765 feet. The post mine land use of the site is designated as pastureland and general agriculture. Rod Clayton was present during the inspection. Based on observations made during the inspection, the Division determined that the Operator has successfully completed revegetation requirements.

### **Backfilling and Grading**

The portion of the permit area that was disturbed was mined at reclamation grade. The slopes of the pond appear stable. There are no signs of slumping or other forms of erosion.

### Fish and Wildlife

Pronghorn and elk were observed in the vicinity of the permit area. The operator observes them with frequency. The area also receives a large number of migratory birds.

### Hydrologic Balance

There was a small amount of recharge water and meteoric water present at the bottom of the recharge pond. An irrigation ditch connects to the west side of the recharge pond and irrigation equipment runs from the northern bank of the pond. There is no evidence observed of exposed groundwater. No hydrocarbons were observed on the site.

### Gen. Compliance with Mine Plan

The majority of the permit area remains undisturbed. The mine plan calls for the permit area to be mined in phases. The first phase of the plan was completed and now serves as a recharge pond. The other phases of the plan were not completed and remain undisturbed.

### **Roads**

There is one road accessing the permit area. The main haul road that accessed the pit will remain so that the operator can maintain the recharge pit. The road is in good condition with no signs of erosion.

### **Reclamation Success**

Revegetation of the disturbed area matches the undisturbed areas that surround it. There were no state listed invasive species identified.

### 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 identification sign is located at the entrance to the permit boundary. The affected area is marked with earthen berms that are easily identifiable.

Photos that show the conditions observed during the inspection are included at the end of this report.

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 northeast of sloping on the recharge pond.



Photo 2 - View to the north of irrigation infrastructure attached to the recharge pond.



Photo 3 - View to the west of irrigation ditch attached to the recharge pond. Ditch is currently snow covered.



Photo 4 - View to the southwest of undisturbed portion of the permit boundary.



Photo 5 – View to the south of access road to recharge pit.



Photo 6 - View to the northwest of sign at entrance to the site.

### **Inspection Contact Address**

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