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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety


Department of Natural Resources

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: Hoffman Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2005-044	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Lincoln
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: January 23, 2025	INSP. TIME: 12:00
OPERATOR: Lincoln County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Ben Hammar	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: January 28, 2025

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Sediment Control

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The topsoil stockpiles do not have adequate established vegetation on them and are therefore susceptible to erosion. Rule 3.1.9(1) states if topsoil is not replaced into the backfill area within a time short enough to avoid deterioration of the topsoil, vegetative cover or other means shall be employed so that the topsoil is protected from erosion.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall seed the stockpiles with the seed mix that was submitted as part of the approved Reclamation Plan. The Operator shall demonstrate compliance by providing photographic evidence of the reseeded and stable topsoil pile by the resolution due date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 4/28/25

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The affected area boundary markers are missing or incorrectly placed. This is a problem for failure to maintain boundary markers around the affected area as required by Section 3.1.12(2) of the rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall conduct a survey and replace the boundary markers in the correct

location(s). The operator shall provide photographic proof to the Division that this has been done by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 4/28/25

OBSERVATIONS

This standard monitoring inspection was performed by DRMS representative Ben Hammar, who was accompanied by a Lincoln County representative. The Hoffman Pit is a 112c construction materials operation located approximately 7 miles east of Limon. The post-mining land use is rangeland, and the conditions at the time of inspection were clear and cold. Some snow buildup was present due to recent snow events.

The site had evidence of recent material extraction, with an active highwall located on the south and east sides of the site. The eastern and southern boundary markers were unable to be located at the time of inspection. Please provide photographic evidence of the mentioned boundary markers by the corrective action due date. No signs of excessive erosion were present within the pit, however the northern topsoil stockpile showed signs of erosional damage due to lack of adequate stabilization. Please reseed and repair the stated topsoil stockpile by the included corrective action due date and provide photographic evidence to the Division.

No signs of significant impacts to the prevailing hydrologic balance were visible at the time of inspection. No noxious weeds were visible during the inspection and the DRMS mine sign was clearly posted at the entrance to the site.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Posted mine identification sign.



Photo 2: Northern site boundary.



Photo 3: Active highwall with camera facing south.



Photo 4: Topsoil pile with eroded section.

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>PB</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>PB</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

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