




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: Van 4 Shaft	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1997-032	MINERAL: Uranium and vanadium	COUNTY: Montrose
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: February 5, 2025	INSP. TIME: 15:40
OPERATOR: Pinon Ridge Mining LLC	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$75,057.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: February 12, 2025	

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>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</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>Y</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>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 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report to illustrate conditions observed.

The Van 4 Shaft is located approximately ten miles west of Naturita and accessed from Dd19 Rd. The site is a 110d operation that includes a total of 8.4 permitted acres.

At the Mined Land Reclamation Board meeting held January 22, 2020, the Board issued an Order to terminate the mining operation and ordered the Operator to commence final reclamation immediately. The Board Order was signed March 2, 2020, and mailed March 9, 2020.

Adequate mine signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

Final reclamation is underway. The metal shop building, headframe, shed and hoist house have been removed. The slab foundations have been removed. The shaft is secured with metal grating, but not yet sealed. On February 6, 2025, the Division approved TR-1, which addressed changes to the shaft closure method. The shaft and vent shaft will now be closed with a reinforced slab placed over the existing slab, and then covered with backfill.

During this inspection, workers were making good progress on grading the waste rock pile. It appeared that the slopes had been reduced to 3H:1V, for the most part, and that topsoil replacement was underway.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (303) 866-3567.

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Site entrance



Buildings, structures and slabs have been removed



Concrete cap to be installed over this existing slab for shaft closure



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