



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

March 10, 2025

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

RE: Notice of Citizen Complaint, CT-4, NCCI Pit #1; Permit File 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 March 9, 2025. 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 April 8, 2025. 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

Enclosure: Complaint CT-4

cc: Jared Ebert, Division

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



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

03/09/2025

***** *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 *

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

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.

The City of Thortons land, who purchased it from operator NCC. NW corner of cr 18 and 23.5 and bordering my farm and grazing land on the west side of their proerty line.

Incident County *

Weld County

Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Nature of Complaint *

Select all that apply

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Illegal Mining | <input type="checkbox"/> Dust |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Water / Water Well Impact | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Property Damage |
| <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roads |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Explosives / Blasting | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Topsoil |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revegetation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Weeds |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reclamation Plan Compliance | <input type="checkbox"/> Other |

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

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

I believe my last complaint attached to the NCCi pit #1 (M-2001-107) was closed out Pre maturely. I never had an onstight visit with anyone from the state to show them the location to visually see or inspect the area of concern. NCC admitted and took responsibily for damages in 2023 but also in 2024, and now currently we are expireienceing even worse permanatent damages in 2025 (many months after ncc compleeted their tile project). The amount of salts/alkali is toxic. So toxic, if, the new land onwer wanted to sell the top soil, they would have to take it to the landfill. They wouldnt be able to sell due to toxicity levels. It is obvious my farm will not grow good corn when you plant into pure white salty soil. It looks like it snowed its so white in areas. This used to be my most productive farm. I almsot got stuck 4 times today and chose to leave the field before having to bring another piece of equipment to pull me out.The water level is above acceptable levels and it is clear the NCC drain tile 3 feet below the perimeter is not sufficient enough to handle the natural flow of 60 feet deep by 160 acres pit the City of Thornton owns. Before applying for a mining permit shouldnt NCC have posed a reclaim or insurance bond. What is that number or Id numbers?

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Details

Chris Zadel

Scott Twombly

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

NCCI

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

Details

The State is aware of the situation. Chris Zadel is aware of the impacts and burdens he has set forth.

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.

20250303_145811.jpg	3.47MB
20250303_150237.jpg	2.84MB
20250303_145507.jpg	2.08MB
20250303_151059.jpg	2.24MB

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

Select all that apply

☒ Phone ☒ E-mail ☐ US Mail







