



# Phillips County Commissioners

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Joel Renfro, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety  
Re: Biesemeier State Pit, ID# M-2021-029

Phillips County has completed work to remediate the findings outlined in the Minerals Program Inspection Report from the Colorado State Reclamation Division dated December 17, 2024, stating that Phillips County is in possible violation for standing water in the Biesemeier State Pit.

The County Road and Bridge Department has covered the portion of the pit that had standing water with a minimum of two feet of packed fill and pumped the remaining water away from the pit. The pumped water was allowed to soak into the nearby creek bed. We have taken note of the level of standing water and will not be mining as deep in the future.

Please find attached pictures of the completed project showing there is no remaining standing water.

Thank you for working with us to ensure this issue was resolved. Please let us know if there's anything else that we need to do.

Kevin Scott, Road and Bridge Manager

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