

# 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:
Sedgwick County Construction Borrow Area	File No. M-2025-012	Clay	Sedgwick
INSPECTION TYPE:	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Illegal(Unpermitted Operation)		March 25, 2025	12:00
OPERATOR:	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERA</b>	TION:
Sedgwick County	Kacey Campbell, Bob Coty	ILL - Illegal	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:
Citizen Complaint	None	None
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:
NA	None	None
INSPECTOR(S):	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:
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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:** Off-site Damage

**POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Failure to first obtain a reclamation permit from the Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) before engaging in a new mining operation as required by C.R.S. 34-32.5-109(1).

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** By the corrective action due date, an appropriate construction material reclamation permit application must be submitted to the Division to cover, at a minimum, the current lands affected by the mining operation. If the application is not received by the deadline, the Division will issue a "Reason to Believe a Violation Exists and Notice of Board Hearing" letter for the possible violation, and a hearing before the MLRB will be scheduled for consideration of this matter.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** June 6, 2025

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Sedgwick County Construction Borrow Area was inspected by Joel Renfro with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety on March 25, 2025. This inspection was in response to an anonymous illegal mining complaint received by the Division on February 24, 2025. The complaint was targeted toward activity on land owned by Sedgwick County. Kacey Campbell and Bob Coty were present during the inspection and represented Sedgwick County Road and Bridge. **Photos 1-12** are included with this report.

This site is located in Sedgwick County, about 1.75 miles south of Julesburg, CO. This site can be accessed south of Co Rd 28.

The complaint detailed concerns with an illegal mining operation and the effects it may have on a nearby historical site called the "Italian Caves". The complainant also detailed concern for there being no reclamation plan for this operation. Based on aerial imagery of the site available in Google Earth, there was significant disturbance created in the area sometime between September 2020 and October 2024. This complaint and the supplemental information prompted an inspection of the site.

The activity described in the complaint occurs on Parcel ID 61104091, a 34.58-acre parcel owned by Sedgwick County. This parcel is between Co Rd 28 and Hwy 76. The Italian Caves are also located on this parcel. Upon inspection, the Division observed the site entrance off Co Rd 28. Topsoil screening berms were constructed along the perimeter of the disturbed area along Co Rd 28. The disturbance includes a horseshoe-shaped pit that opens up to the north/northwest with pit highwalls at approximately 10 feet in height. The pit floor is relatively flat with clay stockpiles stored along its edges. The Division observed equipment tracks in the earth suggesting somewhat recent activity. Based on site observations and aerial imagery, the Division estimates approximately 5 acres of disturbed land at the site, including the pit, material stockpiles, topsoil berms, and access road. No mining or material processing equipment was observed at the site.

Sedgwick County explained that activity on this site began sometime around 2023-2024, and it was used to mine clay material. This clay was then used to level out the ground of a construction project approximately 1 mile northeast of the site, along Co Rd 28. This was part of a county incentive package for the Cobblestone Inn & Suites construction project. This project is now complete, but the pit remains open, and the County wishes to leave it open in case they need to use the clay for future projects. None of the clay is being used for county road maintenance at this time, but it was mentioned on-site that the school district may want to use it for their own projects. The Division did not find any evidence suggesting that Sedgwick County has sold the clay mined from this site. However, an exchange of services is implied by the "incentive package" for the hotel construction project.

It did not appear that the mining operation was encroaching on the Italian Caves; however, they are located on the same parcel owned by Sedgwick County. The Division observed some remnants of historical structures to the west/southwest of the pit.

Back when the construction project was initiated, Sedgwick County Road and Bridge hired American Environmental Consulting (AEC) to obtain permits for the construction project. AEC then contacted the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and obtained a CDPS General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity (COR400000) for the project under the name of "Sedgwick County Construction Borrow Area". It appears this permit was issued in May 2024 and expires in March 2029. Neither AEC nor Sedgwick County reached out to the Division at that time to determine whether a reclamation permit was required for the project. Rule 1.1(30) of the Mineral Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board for the Extraction of Construction Materials defines a "Mining Operation" as:

the development or extraction of a construction material from its natural occurrences on affected land. The term includes, but is not limited to, open mining and surface operation and...transportation or processing on affected lands.

Additionally, Rule 1.1(3) defines "Affected Land" as:

The surface of an area within the state where a mining operation is being or will be conducted, which surface is disturbed as a result of such operation. Affected lands include but shall not be limited to private ways, roads (which were created or substantially upgraded to support the mining operation), and railroad lines appurtenant to any such area; land excavations; exploration sites; drill sites or workings; refuse banks or spoil piles; evaporation or settling ponds; work, parking, storage or waste discharge areas; and areas in which structures, facilities, equipment, machines, tools or other materials or property which result from or are used in such operations are situated.

Based on these definitions, the Division believes this project is considered a mining operation and requires a Reclamation Permit with our office. Accordingly, the Division is citing a Possible Violation in this report (see page 1) for failure to first obtain a reclamation permit from the Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB) before engaging in a new mining operation as required by C.R.S. 34-32.5-109(1). The operator will have 60 days to submit the appropriate reclamation permit application to cover, at a minimum, the current lands affected by the mining operation. If an application is not received by the deadline, the Division will pursue enforcement actions for the possible violation and schedule the matter for consideration by the MLRB.

The type of reclamation permit needed depends on the proposed permit acreage. The current disturbance of 5 acres suggests the site could be permitted as a 110c Limited Impact Operation, which is applicable up to 9.9 acres. If the operator chooses to permit more than 9.9 acres, then a 112c Reclamation Permit Application will need to be submitted. All application forms are available on the Division's website at: <a href="https://drms.colorado.gov/forms/minerals-program-forms">https://drms.colorado.gov/forms/minerals-program-forms</a>.

This concludes the report.

Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Joel Renfro at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, via telephone at (720) 812-2002, or email at joel.renfro@state.co.us.

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1. Site Entrance, looking southeast.



Photo 2. Site entrance with a topsoil screening berm along the north edge, looking south.



Photo 3. Clay material stockpile on the pit floor, looking north.



Photo 4. Site entrance, looking northwest from pit floor.



Photo 5. Clay material stockpile, looking northwest.



Photo 6. Southwestern edge of the pit disturbance, looking south.



Photo 7. Southeastern edge of the pit disturbance with mined slopes, looking southeast.



Photo 8. More mined slopes along the southeast edge of the site, looking southeast.



Photo 9. Mined slopes along the northeastern edge of the pit disturbance, looking northeast.



Photo 10. Equipment tracks on the pit floor, looking southeast.



Photo 11. View of the Italian Caves from Co Rd 28, looking southeast.



Photo 12. View of Cobblestone Inn & Suites about 1 mile northeast of the site, looking east off Jenkins St.

#### **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>N</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>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS <u>N</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>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE <u>PV</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

Kacey Campbell, Bob Coty Sedgwick County 223 S Cedar Julesburg, CO 80737

Enclosures:

Complaint from February 24, 2025 Aerial image of the site from October 7, 2024 CDPHE Permit dated May 13, 2024 CDPHE Certification to Discharge dated May 13, 2024 110c Limited Impact Operation Reclamation Permit Application

CC:

Amy Eschberger, DRMS

## **DRMS Complaint Intake Tool**



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

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By Submitting this form you are requesting an investigation of compliance with DRMS rules.

#### **DRMS Internal Information**

Select Permit Type \* Minerals Permit No List \*

M2025012

Date of Complaint 02/24/2025

#### **COMPLAINANT INFORMATION**

\*Indicates a Required Field

#### Do you wish to remain anonymous? \*

• Yes 🔿 No

#### **Connection to Incident**\*

#### Select all that apply

- Land Owner
- Nearby Resident

Mineral OwnerObserved Incident

Other

#### **DESCRIPTION OF COMPLAINT**

(Please be as specific as possible)

Note: 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.

40°57'32"N 102°15'40

#### Incident County \*

Sedgwick County

#### Is this an ongoing issue(s)?

🔾 Yes 💿 No

#### Nature of Complaint \*

#### Select all that apply

- ✓ Illegal Mining
- □ Ground Water / Water Well Impact
- □ Surface Water Impact / Stormwater Management
- Mine Plan Compliance
- Signs and Markers
- Financial Warranty
- Processing Waste / Tailings
- 🗌 Fish / Wildlife
- Off-Site Damage
- Explosives / Blasting
- Revegetation
- Reclamation Plan Compliance

- Dust
- □ Acid or Toxic Materials/Spills
- Property Damage
- □ Waste Management / Dumping
- Overburden / Development Waste
- Backfilling and Grading
- Processing Facilities
- Erosion / Sedimentation
- Roads
- Topsoil
- Weeds
- Other

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

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

illegal mining activity located in Sedgwick County Colorado. The Sedgwick county commissioners approved the usage of an area for fill dirt to be used at a site that is now a new hotel. The significance to this is that they open stripped this area with complete disregard to any permitting and or consideration of the surrounding environment. Firstly, the stripped it open in a location adjacent to a property that they are actively seeking to be put on the list of historical places. I will include a map of said area. 40°57'32"N 102°15'40"W if you use the historical mapping option you can see how it was undisturbed in 2020 but see the removal in the 2024 map. The historical Site in question is the "Italian Caves" it is to the west of the pin location. I find it very hypocritical of the county to find themselves above the rules and regulations that common people must follow. I also find it hypocritical that they are trying to secure site designation for the adjacent property solely to hinder efforts in a contentious water battle with the state of Nebraska and the Perkins Ditch water project. If they truly cared about the historical significance of the unique history that Sedgwick county has they would one would think they would have considered having an anthropologist or archeologist or someone of greater knowledge on site whilst moving material. Not to mention having ZERO plan for restoration of the disturbed area.

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

🔾 Yes 💿 No

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

Sedgwick County

#### If known, please provide the Permit or NOI Number (ie M-1970-111 or P-1970-111).

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. \*

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🔾 Yes 💿 No

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Are there supporting photos, maps, or documents you wish to upload?\*

🔾 Yes 💿 No

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

Select all that apply

Phone E-mail US Mail

# Sedgwick County Construction Borrow Area

Image Dated October 7, 2024



Disturbed Acreage - 5 acres

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500 ft

Sedgwick County Construction Borrow Area M2025012

ransportation Department

Italian Caves

Google Earth

Image © 2025 Airbus



#### CERTIFICATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER CDPS GENERAL PERMIT COR400000 STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Certification Number: COR420239

#### This Certification to Discharge specifically authorizes:

Owner Sedgwick County Road and Bridge Operator Sedgwick County Road and Bridge to discharge stormwater from the facility identified as

sedgwick county construction borrow area

To the waters of the State of Colorado, including, but not limited to:

#### South Platte River

Facility Activity :

NonStructural

1.2 acres

Disturbed Acres:

Facility Located at:

CR 28 and HWY 385 Julesburg 80737 SEDGWICK County Latitude 40.958585 Longitude -102.261107

# Specific Information (if applicable):

Certification is issued: 5/13/2024 Certification is effective: 4/1/2024 Expiration date of general permit: 3/31/2029

This certification under the general permit requires that specific actions be performed at designated times. The certification holder is legally obligated to comply with all terms and conditions of the COR400000 permit.

This certification was approved by: Andrew Sayers-Fay Permits Section Manager Clean Water Program Water Quality Control Division





Dedicated to protecting and improving the health and environment of the people of Colorado

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DATE: 2024-05-13

MEMO RE: Certification. Colorado Discharge Permit System Permit No., COR400000, Certification Number: COR420239

DIVISION CONTACTS: Joseph Sturgeon, 303-691-4019, Joseph.Sturgeon@state.co.us, Permits Line 303-692-3517 cdphe\_wqcd\_permits@state.co.us

#### ATTACHMENTS: Certification COR420239, COR400000 General Permit

The Water Quality Control Division (the Division) has reviewed the application submitted for the sedgwick county construction borrow area facility and determined that it qualifies for coverage under the CDPS General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity (COR400000). Enclosed please find a copy of the permit certification, which was issued in accordance with the Colorado Water Quality Control Act.

#### FEE INFORMATION: 1.2 acres

Beginning July 1, 2021 an annual fee of \$ 350 category 7, subcat II-J- Stormwater Construction 1-30 acres disturbed [per CRS] 25-8-502] will be assessed and invoiced every July for as long as the permit certification is in effect.

It is the responsibility of the permittee to submit a termination application when the permit certification is no longer needed. Fees are assessed and invoiced for every permit certification that is active July 1 of the fiscal year. Permit certifications for which complete termination applications are received by June 30 of the current fiscal year will not be invoiced for the new fiscal year.

#### **CERTIFICATION RECORDS INFORMATION:**

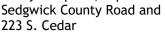
The following information is what the Division records show for this certification. For any changes to Contacts - Owner, Operator, Facility, or Billing - a "Notice of Change of Contacts form" must be managed through the Division's new platform called the Colorado Environmental Online Services (CEOS). The Notice of Change of Contacts form must be electronically signed by both the owner and the operator.

Facility: sedgwick county construction borrow area **Construction Activities NonStructural** 

SEDGWICK County

**Owner** (receives all legal documentation pertaining to the permit certification): kacev campbell, supervisor Phone number: 970-474-3576 Sedgwick County Road and Bridge Email: scroadbridge@gmail.com 223 S. Cedar julesburg, CO 80737

**Operator** (receives all legal documentation pertaining to the permit certification): kacey campbell, supervisor Sedgwick County Road and Bridge



Phone number: 970-474-3576 Email: scroadbridge@gmail.com



Julesburg, CO 80737

Facility Contact (contacted for general inquiries regarding the facility):Rick Furrow, supervisorPhone number: 970-474-3576Sedgwick County Road and BridgeEmail: scroadbridge@gmail.com223 S. Cedarjulesburg, CO 80737

**Billing Contact** (receives the invoice pertaining to the permit certification):

kacey campbell, supervisor Sedgwick County Road and Bridge 223 S. Cedar julesburg, CO 80737 Phone number: 970-474-3576 Email: scroadbridge@gmail.com DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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# CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE

#### APPLICABILITY:

This application package is for a construction material extraction operation affecting <u>LESS</u> than 10 acres. If you plan to conduct a construction material extraction operation which meets these criteria, please follow the instructions provided in this package, in the Rules and Regulations, and in the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, as required.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS PRIOR TO FILING:**

The Construction Material Rules and Regulations (the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials, Section 34-32.5-101, <u>et seq.</u>, C.R.S., and 2 CCR 407-1), and the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") regulate the permitting, operational and reclamation requirements for all construction material extraction operations in Colorado. It is your obligation to comply with the Act and Regulations. You are encouraged to obtain and review a copy of the Rules, available for \$8.00 from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Office"). In order to submit your application properly, it is recommended that you review the Act and:

Rule 1.1	Definitions;
Rule 1.4	Application Review and Consideration Process;
Rule 1.6	Public Notice Procedures;
Rule 3.1	Reclamation Performance Standards;
Rule 3.3.1	Operating without a Permit - Penalty;
Rule 4	Performance Warranties and Financial Warranties;
Rule 6	Permit Application Exhibit Requirements;
Rule 6.2	General Requirements of Exhibits;
Rule 6.3	Specific Permit Application Exhibit Requirements;
Rule 6.5	Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (as required).

It is recommended that you contact the agencies listed in the application section titled "<u>Compliance With Other Laws</u>" prior to submitting the application to the Office.

#### FILING REQUIREMENTS:

In order to apply for a Reclamation Permit for a Limited Impact Operation, please provide:

- One (1) signed and notarized completed <u>ORIGINAL</u> and one (1) copy of the completed original Limited Impact Operation (110) Application Form. ORIGINAL SIGNATURES MUST BE IN <u>BLUE</u> INK.
- Two (2) copies of Exhibits A-J and Exhibit L (required sections described in Rule 6).
- Two (2) copies of Addendum 1 Notice requirements (described in Rule 1.6.2(1)(b)). A sample of this notice is attached for your use.
  - The Geotechnical Stability Exhibit when required by the Division.
    - The application fee.

The thirty (30) day period for review of the application and exhibits will <u>NOT</u> begin until all required information and fee are submitted. The Office will then review the submitted information for adequacy.

#### NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. You <u>MUST</u> send a notice, on a form approved by the Board, to the local board of county commissioners. A copy of this "Notice of Filing Application" form is attached for your use.
- 2. If the mining operation is within the boundaries of a conservation district, send a notice to the board of supervisors of the conservation district, <u>PRIOR</u> to filing the application. A copy of this "Notice of Filing Application" form is attached for your use.
- 3. You <u>MUST</u> include proof of notice #1 and #2 above with the application at the time the application is submitted to the Office for filing (Rule 1.6.2(1)(g)).
- 4. <u>PRIOR</u> to filing the application, place for public review a copy of the application, less confidential items, with the clerk or recorder of the county or counties in which the affected land is located.
- 5. You <u>MUST</u> include an affidavit or receipt demonstrating that the application was filed with the county clerk or recorder at the time the application is submitted to the Office for filing.
- 6. Any changes or additions made to an application submittal <u>MUST</u> be filed with the county clerk or recorder. You <u>MUST</u> also provide the Office with an affidavit or receipt demonstrating that the change was filed with the county clerk or recorder no later than the close of business on the day the change was filed with the Office (Rule 1.8.1(2)).
- 7. Within ten (10) days after your application is considered filed, you must publish once in a newspaper of general circulation, in the locality of the proposed mining operation, the notice described in Rule 1.6.2(1)(d). A copy of a form which includes all required information for the notice has been attached for your use.
  - 8. In addition, after the publication you must mail or personally serve a copy of the notice described in Rule 1.6.2(1)(d) to all owners of record of surface rights to the affected land and all owners of lands that are within 200 feet of the boundary of the affected land (Rule 1.6.2(1)(e)).
- 9. <u>Prior</u> to the Office making a decision (consideration of the application), you <u>MUST</u> submit a copy of the proof of publication from the newspaper and proof of all required notices. Proof of the notices may be by submitting copies of return receipts of a certified mailing or by proof of personal service (Rules 1.4.1(4), 1.4.2(4)(c), 1.6.2(1)(a)(ii), and 1.6.2(1)(g)).

The copy of the application and any changes or additions placed at the office of the county clerk or recorder shall <u>NOT</u> be recorded, but shall be retained there for at least sixty (60) days after a decision on the application by the Office and be available for inspection during this period. At the end of this period, the application may be reclaimed by the applicant or destroyed (Rule 1.6.2(2)).

#### **APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES:**

The Office shall approve or deny the application within thirty (30) days of filing unless the date for consideration by the Office is extended pursuant to Rule 1.8. The time for consideration shall not be extended beyond thirty (30) days after the last such change submitted. For complex applications, the review period may be extended an additional sixty (60) days. Please see Rule 1.1(10) for the definition of what constitutes a complex application.

#### APPLICATION APPROVAL/DENIAL:

If the requirements of the Act and Mineral Rules have been satisfied, the Office will approve the application. The Act also provides for automatic approval if no action is taken by the Office by the end of the review period.

If the Act and Regulation requirements have not been satisfied, the Office will deny the application. If the Office denies the application, you may appeal to the Board for a final determination by submitting a written request for administrative appeal to the Board within 60 days of the decision date (Rule 1.4.7).

#### PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL WARRANTIES:

A performance warranty, and a financial warranty dollar amount determined during the application review process, must be submitted and approved by the Office <u>PRIOR</u> to permit issuance. A financial warranty should <u>NOT</u> be submitted until a decision on the application has been made. If the applicant is a unit of state or county government, then <u>ONLY</u> a performance warranty is required.

Several different types of financial warranties are allowed by the law. Please review Rule 4.0 to determine which type of financial warranty you desire to use. You may obtain the appropriate warranty forms from the Office during the application review period.

Please note that an application approval DOES NOT convey a right to begin operations. You MUST submit, and have approval of your performance and financial warranties, and receive your copy of the signed permit document PRIOR to beginning on-site mining activity.

#### AUTOMATIC PERMIT APPROVAL:

An automatic approval will occur where the Office fails to notify the applicant/operator that the application has been denied. This decision must be made thirty (30) calendar days from the date the application was determined to have been filed. However, the performance and financial warranties must be submitted and approved by the Office before the permit will be issued even if you receive an automatic approval. NO MINING OPERATIONS SHALL BEGIN UNTIL A PERMIT IS ISSUED (Section 34-32.5-109(1), C.R.S.).

#### **COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS:**

Compliance with the Act and Rules and Regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board <u>DOES NOT</u> relieve you of your responsibility to comply with all other applicable state and federal laws. We recommend that you contact the following agencies to determine whether you need to comply with their legal requirements:

- The Colorado State Historical Preservation Office regarding properties of historical significance including the need for an archeological survey, procedures for requesting a file search, and inventory forms to identify structures.
- o Colorado Division of Water Resources with regard to water rights;
- Colorado Department of Health, Water Quality Control Division, with regard to the discharge of pollutants into the State waters;
- o Colorado Department of Health, Air Pollution Control Division, with regard to the need for a fugitive dust permit;
- o U.S. Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service if the proposed operation will occur on federal lands;
- o U. S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding a dredge and fill (404) permit; and
- The County Planning Department for the county or counties in which your proposed operation is located.

Section 34-32.5-109(3), C.R.S. requires a mining operator to be responsible for assuring that the mining operation and the post-mining land use comply with local land use regulations and any master plan for extraction adopted pursuant to Section 34-1-304, C.R.S.

#### **COMPLETION OF MINING:**

Upon completion of any phase of reclamation, you should consult Rule 3.1 for reclamation standards and 4.16 for details on how to request a reclamation responsibility release from the Board.

# STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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#### CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

**LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION** 

#### **RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM**

CHECK ONE	: There is a File Number Already Assigned to this Operation
	Permit # <u>M</u> (Please reference the file number currently assigned to this operation)
_	New Application (Rule 1.4.5) Amendment Application (Rule 1.10)
-	Conversion Application (Rule 1.11)
F	Permit # M (provide for <b>Amendments</b> and <b>Conversions</b> of existing permits)

The application for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Operation Reclamation Permit contains three major parts: (1) the application form; (2) Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Addendum 1, any sections of Exhibit 6.5 and Geotechnical Stability Exhibit, as required by the Office, and outlined in Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.5, and 1.6.2(1)(b); and (3) the application fee. When you submit your application, be sure to include one (1) <u>complete signed and notarized **ORIGINAL**</u> and one (1) copy of the completed application form, two (2) copies of Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Addendum 1, and appropriate sections of 6.5 (Geotechnical Stability Exhibit), as required, and a check for the application fee described under (4) below. Exhibits should <u>NOT</u> be bound or in a 3-ring binder; maps should be folded to 8 1/2" X 11" or 8 1/2" X 14" size. To expedite processing, please provide the information in the format and order described in this form.

#### GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION

Type or print clearly, in the space provided, ALL information described below.

1.	Applicant/operator or company name (name to be used on permit):		
	1.1 Type of organization (corporation, partnership, etc.):		
2.	Operation name (pit, mine or site name):		
3.	Permitted acreage (new or existing site): permitted acres		
	3.1 Change in acreage (+) acres		
	3.2 Total Acreage in Permit Area acres		
4.	<u>Fees</u> :		
	4.1 New Application: $$1258.00$ application fee		
	Amendment Fee (C.R.S. 34-32.5-125(II)):\$827.00application fee		
5.	Primary commoditie(s) to be mined:		
	5.1 Incidental commoditie(s) to be mined: 1. / lbs/Tons/yr 2. / lbs/Tons/yr 3. / lbs/Tons/yr		
	4. <u>/ lbs/Tons/yr</u> 5. <u>/ lbs/Tons/yr</u>		
	5.2 Anticipated end use of primary commoditie(s) to be mined:		
	Anticipated end use of incidental commoditie(s) to be mined:		

## 11. Correspondence Information:

<u>APPLICANT/OPERATOR</u> (name, address, and phone of name to be used on permit)

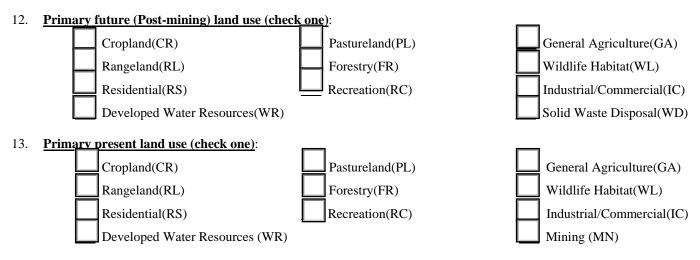
(	Contact's Name:		_ Title:
(	Company Name:		
	Street/P.O. Box:		P.O. Box:
(	City:		
S	State:		_ Zip Code:
Т	Telephone Number:	<u>()</u>	
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<u>PERM</u>	ITTING CONTACT (	if different from applicant/operator above)	
(	Contact's Name:		_ Title:
(	Company Name:		
S	Street/P.O. Box:		_ P.O. Box:
(	City:		
S	State:		Zip Code:
Т	Telephone Number:	<u>()</u>	
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7.	Name of owner of the subsurface rights of affected	1 land:	
8.	Name of owner of the surface of affected land:		
9.	Type of mining operation: Surface	Underground In-situ	
10.	<b>Location information</b> : The <u>center</u> of the area where the majority of mining will occur:		
	COUNTY:		
	PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one):	6th (Colorado) 10th (New Mexico) Ute	
	SECTION (write number):	S	
	TOWNSHIP (write number and check direction):	T North South	
	RANGE (write number and check direction):	R East West	
	QUARTER SECTION (check one):	NE NW SE SW	
	QUARTER/QUARTER SECTION (check one):	NE NW SE SW	
	GENERAL DESCRIPTION: (the number of miles an	nd direction from the nearest town and the approximate elevation):	

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11. **Primary Mine Entrance Location** (report in either Latitude/Longitude **OR** UTM):

Latitude/Longitude:				
Example: (N) $39^{\circ} 44' 12.98''$ (W) $104^{\circ} 59' 3.87''$				
Latitude (N): deg min sec (2 decimal places)				
Longitude (W): deg min sec (2 decimal places)				
OR				
Example: (N) 39.73691° (W) -104.98449°				
Latitude (N) (5 decimal places)				
Longitude(W) (5 decimal places)				
OR				
Universal Tranverse Mercator (UTM)				
Example: 201336.3 E NAD27 Zone 13 4398351.2 N				
UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) NAD83 Zone 13				
Easting				
Northing				



14. If this operation will use designated chemicals, or will result, or presently has acid mine drainage - you <u>cannot</u> use this application form. You must submit either a 110d or 112d application form for Designated Mining Operations. In either case, you must list any acidic or toxic-forming materials, exposed or disturbed as a result of the mining operation, and whether the operation will result in or presently has acid mine drainage:

#### 15. Description of Amendment or Conversion:

If you are amending or converting an existing operation, provide a brief narrative describing the proposed change(s):

#### Maps & Exhibits:

Submit two (2) complete, unbound copies of the following application exhibits:

6.3.1	EXHIBIT A - Legal Description and Location Map
6.3.2	EXHIBIT B - Site Description
6.3.3	EXHIBIT C - Mining Plan
6.3.4	EXHIBIT D - Reclamation Plan
6.3.5	EXHIBIT E - Maps, to include the location of any recorded easements
6.3.6	EXHIBIT F - List of Other Permits and Licenses Required
6.3.7	EXHIBIT G - Source of Legal Right-to-Enter
6.3.8	EXHIBIT H - Municipalities Within a Two-mile Radius
6.3.9	EXHIBIT I - Proof of Filing with County Clerk
6.3.10	EXHIBIT J - Proof of Mailing Notices of Permit Application
6.3.12	EXHIBIT L - Permanent Man-Made Structures
1.6.2(1)(b)	ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements (sample enclosed)
6.5	Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (as required)

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#### Responsibilities as a Permittee:

Upon application approval and permit issuance, this application becomes a legally binding document. Therefore, there are a number of important requirements which you, as a permittee, should fully understand. These requirements are listed below. <u>Please read and initial each requirement</u>, in the space provided, to acknowledge that you understand your obligations. If you do not understand these obligations then please contact this Office for a full explanation.

1. Your obligation to reclaim the site is not limited to the amount of the financial warranty. You assume legal liability for all reasonable expenses which the Board or the Office may incur to reclaim the affected lands associated with your mining operation in the event your permit is revoked and financial warranty is forfeited;

2. The Board may suspend or revoke this permit, or assess a civil penalty, upon a finding that the permittee violated the terms or conditions of this permit, the Act, the Mineral Rules and Regulations, or that information contained in the application or your permit misrepresent important material facts;

3. If your mining and reclamation operations affect areas beyond the boundaries of an approved permit boundary, substantial civil penalties, to you as permittee can result;

4. Any modification to the approved mining and reclamation plan from those described in your approved application requires you to submit a permit modification and obtain approval from the Board or Office;

5. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes in your address or phone number;

6. Upon permit issuance and prior to beginning on-site mining activity, you must post a sign at the entrance of the mine site, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with the following information (Rule 3.1.12):

- a. the name of the operator;
- b. a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and,
- c. the permit number.

7. The boundaries of the permit boundary area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries prior to site disturbance;

8. It is a provision of this permit that the operations will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in your application, as well as with the provisions of the Act and the Mineral Rules and Regulations in effect at the time the permit is issued.

9. Annually, on the anniversary date of permit issuance, you must submit an annual fee as specified by Statute, and an annual report which includes a map describing the acreage affected and the acreage reclaimed to date (if there are changes from the previous year), any monitoring required by the Reclamation Plan to be submitted annually on the anniversary date of the permit approval. Annual fees are for the previous year a permit is held. For example, a permit with the anniversary date of July 1, 1995, the annual fee is for the period of July 1, 1994 through June 30, 1995. Failure to submit your annual fee and report by the permit anniversary date may result in a civil penalty, revocation of your permit, and forfeiture of your financial warranty. It is your responsibility, as the permittee, to continue to pay your annual fee to the Office until the Board releases you from your total reclamation responsibility.

10. <u>For joint venture/partnership permittee</u>: the signing representative is authorized to sign when document and a power of attorney (provided by the partner(s)) authorizing the signature of the representative is attached to this application.

#### NOTE TO COMMENTORS/OBJECTORS:

It is likely there will be additions, changes, and deletions to this document prior to final decision by the Office. Therefore, if you have any comments or concerns you must contact the applicant or the Office prior to the decision date so that you will know what changes may have been made to the application document.

The Office is not allowed to consider comments, unless they are written, and received prior to the end of the public comment period. You should contact the applicant for the final date of the public comment period.

If you have questions about the Mined Land Reclamation Board and Office review and decision or appeals process, you may contact the Office at (303) 866-3567.

#### Certification:

As an authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the operation described has met the minimum requirements of the following terms and conditions:

1. All necessary approvals from local government have been applied for (Section 34-32.5-110(1)(a)(VIII).

2. To the best of my knowledge, all significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure(s) in existence at the time this application is filed, and located within 200 feet of the proposed affected area have been identified in this application (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(e), C.R.S.). (NOTE: For 110 operations, the affected area includes all lands delineated by the permit boundary.)

3. No mining operation will be located on lands where such operations are prohibited by law (Section 34-32.5-115(4)(f), C.R.S.).

4. As the applicant/operator, I do not have any mining/exploration operations in the State of Colorado currently in violation of the provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials (Section 34-32.5-120, C.R.S.).

5. I understand that statements in the application are being made under penalty of perjury and that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to Section 18-8-503, C.R.S. 1984.

# This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32.5-110, C.R.S., of the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any permit issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to section 34-32.5-123, C.R.S.

Signed and dated this	day of	,
		If Corporation Attest (Seal)
Applicant/Operator	r	
Signed:		Signed:
		Corporate Secretary or Equivalent
Title:		Town/City/County Clerk
State of	) ) ss.	
County of		
The foregoing instrument was	acknowledged before me this	day of
, by	as	of
		Notary Public
		My Commission expires:

#### SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK

The following is an example that you may wish to use for the Notice required for Rule 1.6.2(1)(b).

#### NOTICE

This site is the location of a proposed mining operation. (Name of the Applicant/Operator) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, whose address and phone number is (Address and Phone Number of the Applicant/Operator) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, has applied for a Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board. Anyone wishing to comment on the application may view the application at the (County Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk and Recorder's Office, (Clerk and Recorder's Office Address) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period to the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.

#### Certification:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby certify that I posted a sign containing the above notice for the proposed permit area known as the (Name of Operation) \_\_\_\_\_, on (Date Posted) \_\_\_\_\_.

SIGNATURE

DATE

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# NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR <u>CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION</u>

#### NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

\_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

(the "Applicant/Operator") has applied for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Reclamation permit from the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") to conduct the extraction of construction materials in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division") and the local county clerk and recorder.

The applicant/operator proposes to reclaim the affected land to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use. Pursuant to Section 34-32.5-116(4)(m), C.R.S., the Board may confer with the local Board of County Commissioners before approving of the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within ten (10) days after the date of the applicant's newspaper publication.

If you would like to discuss the proposed post-mining land use, or any other issue regarding this application, please contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

<u>NOTE TO APPLICANT/OPERATOR</u>: You <u>MUST</u> attach a copy of the application form to this notice. If this is a notice of a change to a previously filed application you must either attach a copy of the changes, or attach a complete and accurate description of the change.

# NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS LIMITED IMPACT (110) OPERATION

# NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

OF THE LOCAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT

(the "Applicant/Operator") has applied for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110) Reclamation permit from the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") to conduct the extraction of construction materials in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division") and the local county clerk and recorder.

The applicant/operator proposes to reclaim the affected land to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ use. Pursuant to Section 34-32.5-116(4)(m), C.R.S., the Board may confer with the local Conservation Districts before approving of the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within ten (10) days after the date of the applicant's newspaper publication.

If you would like to discuss the proposed post-mining land use, or any other issue regarding this application, please contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

<u>NOTE TO APPLICANT/OPERATOR</u>: You must attach a copy of the application form to this notice. If this is a notice of a change to a previously filed application you must either attach a copy of the changes, or attach a complete and accurate description of the change.

An example Public Notice which meets the requirements of the Statutes is shown below. The blanks, which require dates, will need to be filled in according to the following instructions. **PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** 

#### Publication Instructions:

Date of commencement and date of completion should represent the dates which you feel most accurately describe the life of the operation.

For all Limited Impact (110) types of operations, this notice must be published once within ten (10) days of the date the application is considered submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division"). The final date for receiving comments is ten (10) days after the date of publication or the next regular business day.

All notices must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed mining operation and mailed to the landowners as set forth in the Construction Materials Rules and Regulations. Since the date for consideration of your application may change, <u>DO NOT</u> include it in this notice.

For a complete discussion of the notice procedures and objections, please refer to C.R.S. 34-32.5-110(7)(c), 114 and 115.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

(Operator Name)	; (Address and Phone Number)
, has filed an application for a Construction Materials Limited Impact (110)	) Reclamation Permit with the Colorado
Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Land Reclamat	ion Act for the Extraction of Construction
Materials. The proposed mine is known as the (Name of the Mine)	, and is located at or near
Section, Township, Range, Prime Meridian.	
The proposed date of commencement is	and the proposed date of completion

The proposed date of commencement is \_\_\_\_\_\_, and the proposed date of completion is \_\_\_\_\_\_, The proposed future use of the land is (Future Landuse)

Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the (County Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk and Recorder's office; (Clerk and Recorder's Address) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, or the above-named applicant. A complete copy of the application is available at the above-named County Clerk and Recorder's office and at the Division's office.

Comments concerning the application and exhibits must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on (Final Date for Comments) \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32.5-101 <u>et seq</u>. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

An example Structure Agreement which meets the requirements of the Statutes is shown below.

# **Structure Agreement**

This letter has been provided to you as the owner of a structure on or within two hundred (200) feet of a proposed mine site. The State of Colorado, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ("Division") requires that where a mining operation will adversely affect the stability of any significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure located within two hundred (200) feet of the affected land, the Applicant shall either:

- a) Provide a notarized agreement between the Applicant and the Person(s) having an interest in the structure, that the Applicant is to provide compensation for any damage to the structure; or
- b) Where such an agreement cannot be reached, the Applicant shall provide an appropriate engineering evaluation that demonstrates that such structure shall not be damaged by activities occurring at the mining operation; or
- c) Where such structure is a utility, the Applicant may supply a notarized letter, on utility letterhead, from the owner(s) of the utility that the mining and reclamation activities, as proposed, will have "no negative effect" on their utility. (*Construction Materials Rule 6.3.12 and Rule 6.4.19 & Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rule 6.3.12 and Rule 6.4.20*)

The Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board ("Board") has determined that this form, if properly executed, represents an agreement that complies with Construction Materials Rule 6.3.12(a), Rule 6.4.19(a), and C.R.S. § 34-32.5-115(4)(e) and with Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rule 6.3.12(a), Rule 6.4.20(a), and C.R.S. § 34-32-115(4)(d). This form is for the sole purpose of ensuring compliance with the Rules and Regulations and shall not make the Board or Division a necessary party to any private civil lawsuit to enforce the terms of the agreement or create any enforcement obligations in the Board or the Division.

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3.	
4.	
5.	
	(Please list additional structures on a separate page)

The following structures are located on or within 200 feet of the proposed affected area:

## **CERTIFICATION**

The Applicant,	(print applicant/company name),
by(print representa	tive's name), as(print
representative's title), does hereby certify that _	(structure owner) shall
be compensated for any damage from the propo	sed mining operation to the above listed structure(s)
located on or within 200 feet of the proposed af	fected area described within Exhibit A, of the Reclamation
Permit Application for	(operation name),
File Number M	

This form has been approved by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to its authority under the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials and the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations. Any alteration or modification to this form shall result in voiding this form.

## **NOTARY FOR PERMIT APPLICANT**

Applicant	Representative Name
Date	Title
STATE OF)	
) ss. COUNTY OF)	
	fore me this day of, 20, by
	My Commission Expires:

Notary Public

# **NOTARY FOR STRUCTURE OWNER**

ACKNOWLEGED BY:	
Structure Owner	Name
Date	Title
STATE OF)	
) ss. COUNTY OF)	
The foregoing was acknowledged before me t	his day of, 20, by
My O	Commission Expires: