




**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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Lascar Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2025-004	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Huerfano
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Pre-operation Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> March 28, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 09:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Siete, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Jodi Schrieber and Mike Loya	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Pre-operation Inspection	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Partial Bond	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> N/A application in review
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Amber M. Gibson	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 7, 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:** Signs & Markers

**PROBLEM:** The application notice sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a proposed mine site notice sign as required by Rule 1.6.2(1)(b) Addendum 1.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The Applicant shall, at the entrance of the proposed mine site post a notice (sign), which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size of eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, to clearly identify the site as the location of a proposed mining operation giving name, address, and phone number of the Applicant, and stating that (name of Applicant) has applied for a mining permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board. The Applicant shall submit photo documentation showing that a notice has been posted by the corrective action date.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 5/07/25

## **OBSERVATIONS**

The Lascar Pit was inspected by Amber Gibson with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was conducted as a pre-operational inspection as part of the 112c Regular Operation Construction Materials permit application review process. The site is currently permitted as a 111 Special Operation and was previously inspected by the Division on September 4, 2024 as part of a routine monitoring inspection. The Applicant/Operator for this operation is Siete, Inc. Jodi Schreiber (of PFM Consulting LLC) and Mike Loya represented the Applicant and accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was warm and the skies were cloudy.

The Lascar Pit is located approximately 13 miles north of Walsenburg, Colorado, is about one mile west of Exit 64 on Interstate 25 South. The entrance road is located off the north side of County Road 650. This site is currently permitted as a 111 Special Operation under permit number M-2023-005. The Applicant/Permittee has submitted a 112c permit application and intends to replace the current 111 permit with a 112c permit. The site is currently permitted to disturb up to 30 acres, which is the same acreage proposed for the 112c operation. The primary commodity that has been produced, and will continue to be produced, at this operation is aggregate material for construction. Affected lands will be reclaimed to support rangeland as the post-mining land use.

### **Availability of Records:**

The Division received the 112c application for this site on January 22, 2025. The application was deemed complete on February 7, 2025. The Division sent the Applicant an Adequacy Review on March 5, 2025 and is currently awaiting responses. The decision date is set for May 8, 2025.

### **Financial Warranty:**

Some aspects of the reclamation cost estimate for the financial warranty is dependent on the adequacy responses, and thus will be calculated at a later date during the application review process.

### **General Compliance with the Mine Plan:**

No further activity has occurred since the Division's recently conducted inspection at this site (Photos 1-3). Please see the Division's inspection report from the inspection conducted on September 4, 2024 for permit number M-2023-005.

### **Signs and Markers:**

The notice sign required by Rule 1.6.2(1)(b) Addendum 1 was not posted. The notice sign posted at the site is from the 111 application (Photo 4). This has been cited as a problem above. The Applicant shall post the notice sign at the road entrance and send a photo to the Division by the corrective action date. The affected boundary at the site is marked both by field posts and a low earthen berm (Photos 5-6; Maps 1 & 2). The geometry of the field markers and marked disturbance boundary appears to match the boundaries shown in the 111 permit application and the 112c permit application maps. However, there appears to be an offset of the boundary to the south. The Applicant is aware of the discrepancy and will work with the Division through the adequacy process to determine the appropriate next steps.

### **Structures:**

As part of the pre-operational inspection, the Division documented the permanent man-made structures within the affected area boundary and within 200 feet of the boundary. There are no permanent man-made structures onsite. Nearby, there are powerlines, fences, County Road 650, a mailbox bank, a windmill, and a waterline/stock tank (see Photos 7-8 for the windmill, waterline/stock tank, and mailbox bank). There is a stock tank/water line shown on the Exhibit C: Existing Conditions Map included with the application that is not

shown on the other maps (see Map 3 at the end of this report). When asked about this during the inspection, the Applicant stated that they believe it was due to a mistake while making the map, as they did not think there were any structures in that location. During the inspection, we looked beyond the north and northeastern boundary (Photo 9) and did not see the structure indicated on the map, thus agreeing that it was likely an accidental addition.

Conclusions:

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report; a few maps displaying topics discussed in the report, and a subset of corresponding photographs that were taken during the time of the inspection, are included below. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me by email at [amber.gibson@state.co.us](mailto:amber.gibson@state.co.us) or by telephone at (720) 836-0967.

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GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

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

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

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Looking northeast at the northeast corner of the pit disturbance. In the background are the topsoil and overburden/additional topsoil piles seen on Maps 1 and 2.



**Photo 2:** Looking southeast within the pit area.





**Photo 3:** Looking west along the pit area.



**Photo 4:** Notice sign and mine sign posted at the entrance road correspond to the current 111 permit.





**Photo 5:** Looking east along the low earthen berm that marks the affected land boundary.



**Photo 6:** Looking southwest at the field markers and the low earthen berm marking the affected land boundary.





**Photo 7:** Looking west at the stock pond/waterline and windmill.

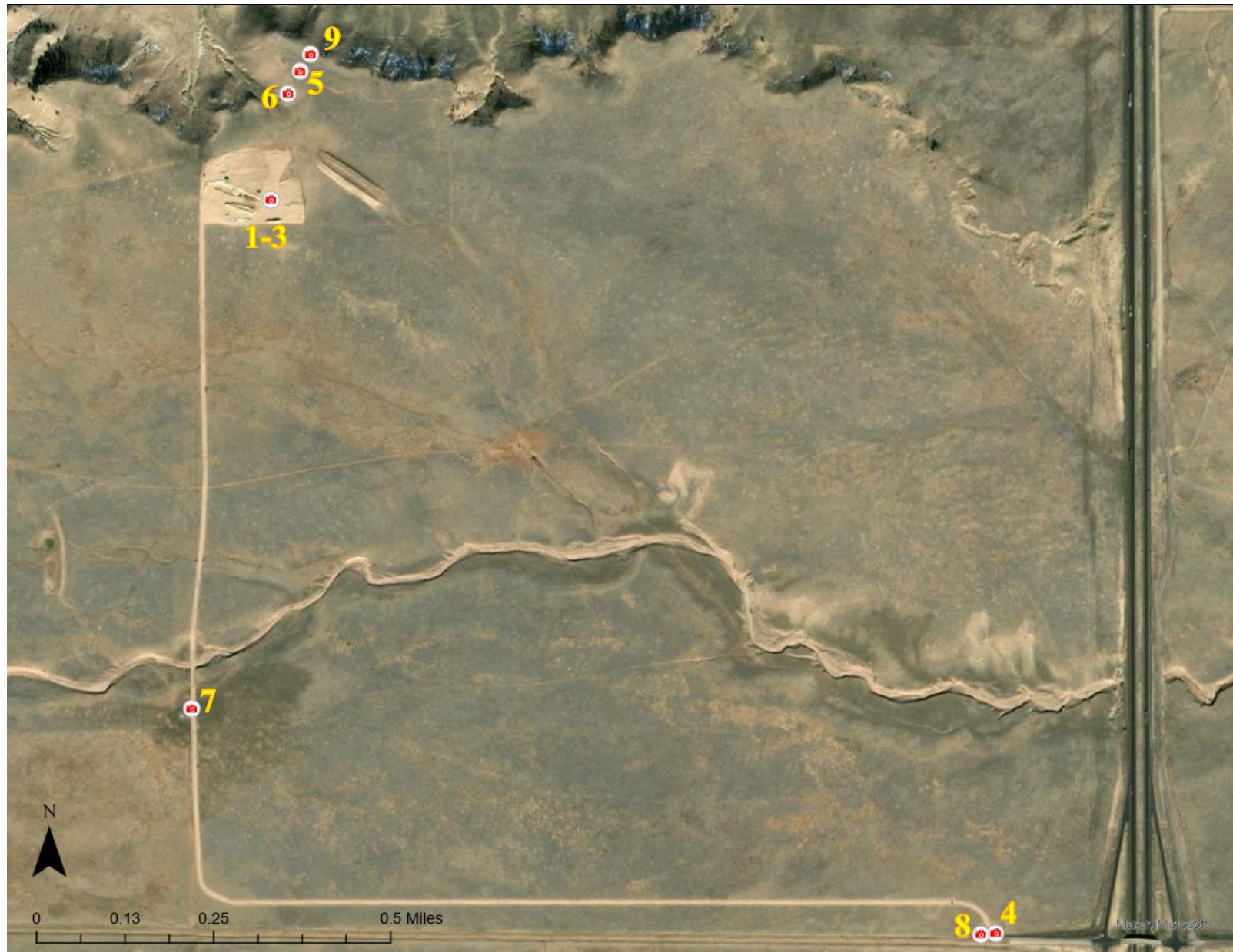


**Photo 8:** Looking northwest at the mailbox bank.



**Photo 9:** Looking east beyond the permit boundary. No stock pond was observed in this area during the inspection.





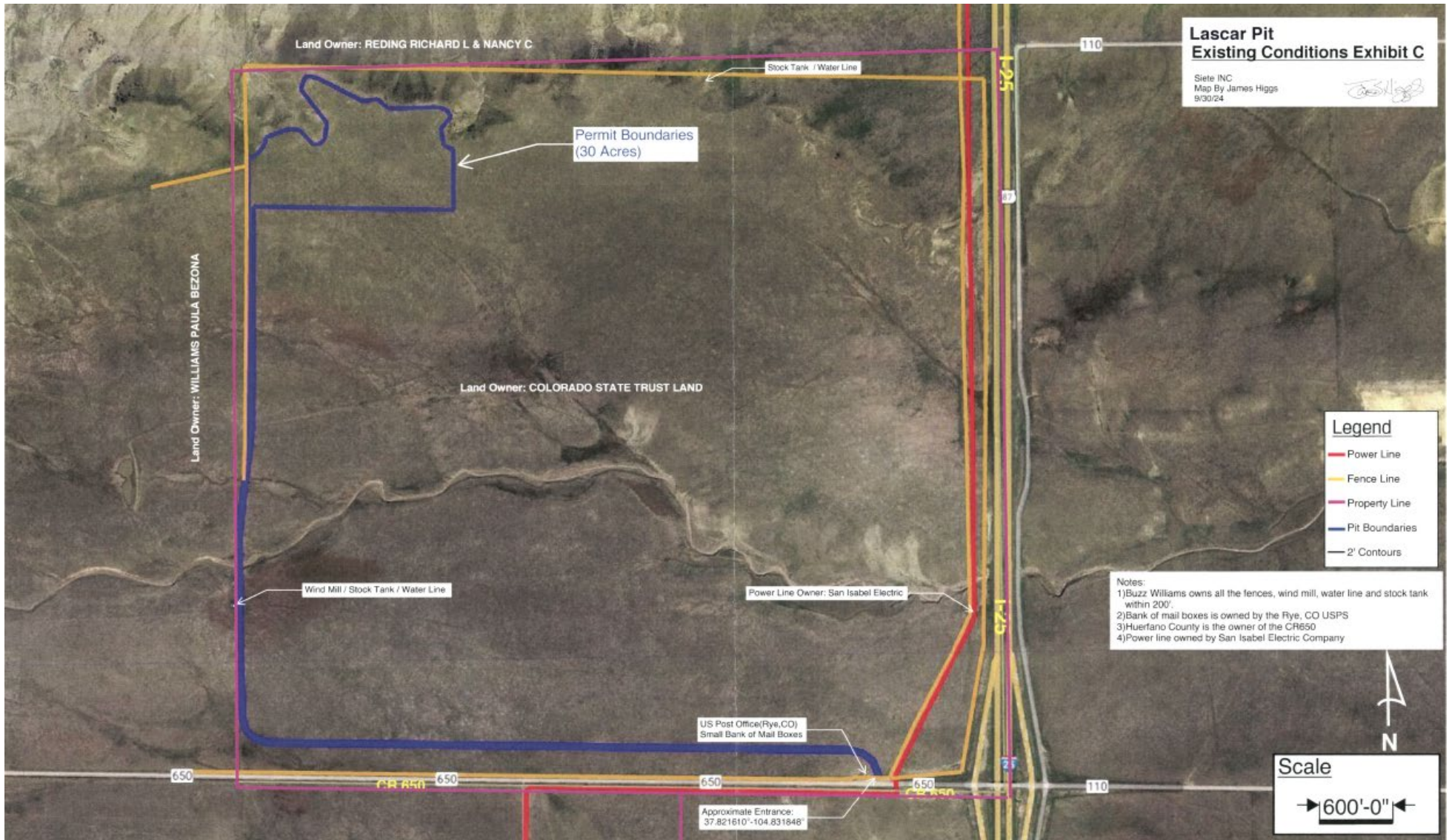
**Map 1:** Inspection Map for the Division's 2025 Pre-Op Inspection conducted as part of the 112c application review process. The camera icons indicate where the inspection photos were taken and the numbers correspond with the inspection photos above.





**Map 2:** Closer view of the main site area. The aerial imagery is sourced from ArcPro and is dated November 21, 2024. The affected land boundary can be seen from this aerial view as a low earthen berm. When comparing this boundary to the one shown on the Applicant's maps (see Map 3 below), it appears that the field markers were placed in the planned orientation/geometry, but are offset to the south. Also shown in this photo are the two diagonal stockpiles on the east side of the permit are the topsoil pile (northern pile) and a topsoil/overburden stockpile (southern pile) where the Operator had sifted potential additional material from product to be used later during reclamation mentioned in the Division's 2024 inspection report under permit no. M-2023-005.





**Map 3:** Applicant's Exhibit C – Existing Conditions Map. The permit boundary/affected land boundary appears to follow the geometry of the mesa.