




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: Lamar Park Grav Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1987-078	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Prowers
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 9, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: City of Lamar	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Patrick Mason, Michael Machone	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Ursula Armstrong	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 16, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>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>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>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

OBSERVATIONS

This was a surety release inspection of the Lamar Park Grav Pit (Permit No. M-1987-078) conducted by Ursula Armstrong of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) in response to a Full Release Request (SL-1) filed with our office on March 24, 2025. The public comment period for SL-1 closed on April 8, 2025. During this period, the Division received no comments. The operator was represented by Patrick Mason and Michael Machone during the inspection. The site is located at the northern edge of Lamar, Colorado in Prowers County, directly south of a terminated DRMS permit that was operated by the City of Lamar under Permit No. M-1977-572 (Lamar East Pit). The site is located adjacent to an industrial yard used by the City for storage of equipment, vehicles, refuse, etc. A gated entrance to the site is located at its northwestern corner. The site can also be accessed from the south through the industrial yard. **Photos 1-8** taken during the inspection are included with this report.

This is a 110c operation permitted for 7.6 acres to mine sand and gravel for use in maintenance of gravel alleys and streets and for other needs throughout the city. An acreage reduction approved in 2001 (AR-1) released 2.3 acres from the far eastern edge of the permit area. The site was mined generally from east to west, with excavation areas being backfilled prior to the operation moving into a new mining area. The site was mined above the groundwater table, at a maximum depth of approximately 12-14 feet. According to the 2024 Annual Report, the last mining activity occurred in April of 2024. The post-mining land use was changed in 2025 (AM-1) to industrial/commercial to match the current use of the surrounding properties also owned by the City of Lamar.

At the time of the inspection, the weather was warm and sunny. A permit sign was posted at the western entrance to the site. The rectangular-shaped permit boundary was delineated by t-posts. The northern permit boundary is also delineated by a barbed wire fence. All stockpiles of material have been removed from the permit area. All previously mined areas of the site have been backfilled and graded to a nearly flat slope, with the top 12 inches of backfill being topsoil. No erosional features were found at the site. The eastern portion of the permit area is sparsely covered by annual weeds (e.g., kochia), but because of the new PMLU, this is not an issue for release.

After conducting this inspection, the Division determined the site has been reclaimed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan, and SL-1 was approved on April 16, 2025. However, the Division must wait 30 days after the decision date for the appeal period to end prior to sending the formal approval letter and warranties to the operator.

This concludes the report.

Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Ursula Armstrong at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, via telephone at 720-793-3031, or via email at ursula.armstrong@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. Looking east at the central section of the permit area.



Photo 2. Looking east at the of the permit area.



Photo 3. Looking north at the western edge of the permit area.



Photo 4. Looking north at the northern gate entrance to the site.



Photo 5. Looking south at the southern edge of the permit area, the equipment is outside of the permit boundary.



Photo 6. Looking south at the southern edge of the permit area, the storage piles are outside of the permit boundary.



Photo 7. Looking southeast at the permit area. The material stockpile is outside of the permit boundary.



Photo 8. Looking east at the mine identification sign posted at the southwest corner of the permit boundary. The equipment in the back is directly south of the permit boundary.

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