




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: Colona Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1994-005	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Montrose
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 2, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$165,351.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 3, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>Y</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	

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

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator provided access to the site. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Colona Gravel Pit is located approximately eight miles south of Montrose and accessed from Hwy 550. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 37.9 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$165,351 for this site. The Division has reviewed the reclamation costs, in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan, and determined that the current financial warranty amount is sufficient.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by fencing that was clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

Mining is occurring in the Phase 2 and 3 areas. There is a pond in the Phase 2 area which covers approximately 7.5 acres. The Phase 3 pit area is still above ground water level. Slopes on the west and north sides of the pit have been graded to 3H:1V and are well vegetated. A near vertical highwall exists in the current mining area on the east side of the Phase 3 pit.

A scale and scalehouse are located on the east side of the pit. Topsoil is stockpiled at the south end of the pit in a stable configuration. Several crushed gravel stockpiles are located within the pit.

No issues related to stormwater or erosion control were noted.

There was no processing equipment on site.

The access road is well maintained.

Fuels were not stored on site. Acid generating materials have not been exposed by the mine operation.

Explosives are not used for this operation.

No noxious weed infestations were noted.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62nd Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (970) 433-8393.



Mine id at site entrance



View from northeast side of pit



View from northeast side of pit



View from northeast side of pit



View from south side of pit



View from south side of pit



View from south side of pit



Current mining area in east side of Phase 3



Current mining area in east side of Phase 3



Current mining area in east side of Phase 3



Topsoil stockpiled along southern permit boundary



Scale on east side of pit

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