



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety


Department of Natural Resources

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: Olathe Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1984-108	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Montrose
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 2, 2025	INSP. TIME: 14:00
OPERATOR: Western Gravel, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$10,975.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czapla	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 16, 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: Reclamation Success/Revegetation

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The site has been in final reclamation for greater than 5 years. The area around the south pond has not been adequately revegetated to meet the requirements of Rule 3.1.10. This is a possible violation of Rule 3.1.3 for failure to complete reclamation within 5 years.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Additional revegetation efforts are necessary. The operator shall perform secondary seeding in accordance with the approved Reclamation Plan. The operator shall notify the Division in writing when secondary seeding has been completed.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 6/02/25

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. Roger Lord, the landowner, was present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Olathe Pit is located approximately 1.5 miles south of Olathe and accessed from South River Road. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of 9.9 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$10,975.00 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 not noted at the entrance to the site and the affected area was not marked, but the site is in final reclamation and the disturbance area is contained within the permit area.

The Operator sold the property to Roger Lord in 2019. However, as the permit holder, the Operator (Western Gravel, Inc.) is still obligated to comply with the performance standards of the permit, reclamation plan, and the Act and Rules.

The site has been in final reclamation since 2019. The site is to be reclaimed to a post-mining land use as wildlife habitat. The site consists of two pond areas, herein referred to as the north pond and the south pond. The north pond has been fully reclaimed. The slopes have been graded to 3H:1V and appear stable and well vegetated. Reclamation of the south pond has commenced, but it is not yet completed. The slopes have been graded to 3H:1V and appear stable. However, revegetation is not yet adequate. The slopes have been seeded with limited success and reseeded will be necessary to meet the requirements of C.R.S. 34-32.5-116 (4)(f) and Rule 3.1.10. C.R.S. 34-32.5-116 (4)(f) requires that the land be revegetated so that a diverse, effective, and long-lasting vegetative cover is established that is capable of self-regeneration and is at least equal, with respect to the extent of cover, to the natural vegetation of the surrounding area. This has been noted as a problem on Page 1 of this report. The operator shall perform secondary seeding in accordance with the approved Reclamation Plan. The operator shall notify the Division in writing when secondary seeding has been completed.

No other 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 (303) 866-3567.



South Pond



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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>NA</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>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>PB</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>PB</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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

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