




**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> Hindmarsh Sandstone	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2006-009	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sandstone (silica, st quartzite)	<b>COUNTY:</b> Montezuma
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> March 26, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 08:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Mesa Sandstone, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> William Goode	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b>	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$20,000.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Todd Jesse	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 18, 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>N</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</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>Y</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>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

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection report was conducted as part of the normal monitoring program established by the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety's Active Mines Program. The Hindmarsh Sandstone is a 112c Operation operated by Mesa Sandstone, LLC. The site is located 4.4 miles east of Cortez, CO at an elevation of approximately 6,550 feet. Public access is controlled by a gate off the Hwy 160. William Goode of Mesa Sandstone was present during the inspection.

### **Hydrologic Balance:**

No evidence of exposed groundwater was observed during the inspection. A dry wash bisects the permit area. Culverts under the roadways are clear of obstruction and appear to convey water properly. No hydrocarbons were stored on site. No spills were noted during the inspection.

### **Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:**

Minimal activity was occurring on the site at the time of the inspection. Product is being sold out of stockpiles, but no mining activity was occurring at the time of the inspection. The mining area is in the northern portion of the permit area and product stockpiles are located in the south near the entrance to the site. There is a 15-foot high and approximately 200 foot long highwall in the mining area. The operator blasts in order to generate material in this area. There is also a 15 foot highwall that is roughly 500 feet long at the northern portion of the permit area that has been reclaimed. The highwall appears stable and no displacement was noted. A scale and small office building are located near the entrance to the site. A loader, excavator, and two grizzly screens were located in the processing area.

### **Roads:**

The main access road and auxiliary roads throughout the permit area were in good condition. No displacement or excessive erosion was observed as roads were traversed.

### **Signs and Markers:**

The mine identification sign and the affected area boundary markers are in place and in compliance with Rule 3.1.12. The mine ID sign is posted at the entrance to the permit area. The boundary is marked with berms and signs that are easily identifiable.

### **Topsoil:**

Topsoil is being stockpiled along the northern permit boundary. The topsoil stockpiles are protected by vegetation. No signs of erosion or slumping were observed on the topsoil piles. There appears to be sufficient topsoil to complete reclamation.

Photos that show site conditions are attached to the end of this report.

All responses to this report should be directed to Todd Jesse with the Division's Active Mines Program at DRMS, Room 215, 1001 E. 62nd Ave. Denver, CO 80216. Direct contact can be made at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office, by phone at (720) 688-0626 or by email at [todd.jesse@state.co.us](mailto:todd.jesse@state.co.us).

## PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1 – to the northeast of mine identification sign.



Photo 2 – to the north of boundary marker.





Photo 3 – to the northeast of processing area.



Photo 4 – to the south of mining area.





Photo 5 – to the east of reclaimed highwall.



Photo 6 – to the east of a topsoil stockpile.

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