




**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> The Pride of America Mine	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1999-058	<b>MINERAL:</b> Marble	<b>COUNTY:</b> Gunnison
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 17, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Colorado Stone Quarries, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Daniel Penfield	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$629,887.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin Czapla	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> April 25, 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>Y</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. Daniel Penfield (Colorado Stone Quarries) and Ben Miller (Lewicki and Associates) were present, representing the operator during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Pride of America Mine is located approximately two miles south of Marble and accessed from County Road 3. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 124.1 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$629,887 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs in order to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan. The Operator will be notified under separate cover if the Division determines that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient.

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

The affected area was marked by posts that were adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

This is a surface and underground operation that utilizes mechanical cutting techniques to extract the marble commodity. Saleable marble blocks are trucked from the site to a CSQ plant facility in Delta, CO. Waste blocks are either utilized on site for erosion prevention or placed into waste rock landforms. The permit area includes four areas known as the Lincoln Gallery, Jefferson Quarry, Franklin Quarry and Washington Gallery. Mining is currently active in the Lincoln, Washington and Franklin areas.

Fuel for the site is stored in the Franklin Quarry. This location was authorized through approval of TR-06. The two site gensets and associated fuel containers and fuel containment for equipment are located in a lined containment structure. Fuel tanks > 1,000 gallons are double walled. When snow melts in the spring, water collects in the containment area. Personnel were dewatering the containment during this inspection. No problems with the containment facility were noted.

In March 2022 the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) issued CSQ a permit authorizing the diversion of Yule Creek to its current eastern channel along with associated mitigation work to Yule Creek. This work was incorporated into the DRMS permit through TR10 in 2022. The operator has completed construction of the eastern channel of Yule Creek. The new channel appears to have been constructed in accordance with the approved plans and appears stable. Transplanted willows are beginning to take hold on the banks. No problems were noted in this area.

All of the portals observed appeared to be stable and well maintained. No problems were noted.

Mining observed at the site appeared to be in accordance with the approved mining plan. Waste rock piles appeared stable.

No issues related to stormwater or erosion control were noted.

The access road is well maintained.

Acid generating materials have not been exposed by the mine operation.

No noxious weed infestations were noted.

The staging area appears orderly and well maintained.

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 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (970) 433-8393.

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Site entrance secured by locked gate



Franklin Quarry area



Gensets and fuel storage in Franklin area



Wasterock landform above Franklin Quarry

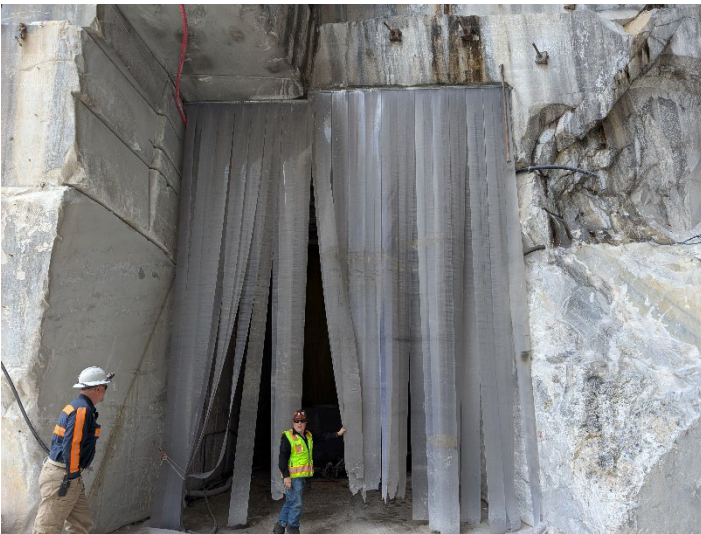


Wasterock landform above Franklin Quarry



Wasterock landform above Franklin Quarry









View of Yule Creek eastern channel



Yule Creek constructed eastern channel



Yule Creek constructed eastern channel



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Staging area

