




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: County Line Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1987-016	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Lincoln
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 22, 2025	INSP. TIME: 12:30
OPERATOR: Lincoln County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Ben Hammar	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: April 30, 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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>NA</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>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>NA</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>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

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection of the County Line Pit was performed as part of a surety release request submitted by Lincoln County. This inspection was performed by Ben Hammar and Zach Trujillo of DRMS (The Division), who were accompanied by Ty Stogsdill and a representative of the local road and bridge district.

The County Line Pit is a 9.9 acre 110c operation located approximately 24 miles north of Limon. This operation is inactive and currently in reclamation, with no recent activity at the time of inspection.

As this site is in reclamation and a surety release was requested, the primary focus of this inspection was reclamation progress and vegetation establishment. Boundary markers were present and appropriate signage was posted. No standing water was observed and no signs of erosion were present on the reclaimed slopes. This site is a perennial streambed operation, so generally disturbance is minimal.

Overall, the grading of the site appears to be adequate and adheres to the 3:1 slope requirement of the rangeland post-mining land use. Vegetation appears to be well established, with the significant exception of a large area outside of the stream bed which was stripped to act as a product stockpile. At the time of inspection this area has not been reseeded. With the exception of the mentioned area, the site appears to be trending towards complete cover and being generally in-line with the agricultural character of the surrounding land. The streambed appears to be reclaimed to an adequate degree and disturbance is minimal. Unfortunately given the significant area of bare grass the Division will be denying the request to release this site at this time. Once the problem area has been adequately reseeded and evidence of consistent growth is shown the site may be reevaluated.

No other issues were present within the site, and noxious weeds or excessive erosion were not observed during this inspection. All signs and markers were adequately posted. As this is a county site, no bond update is necessary, and no bond is held.

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Enclosure

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Example boundary marker and bare spots.



Photo 2: Representative photo of stream bed. Note similarity between bare streambed and the unseeded area.



Photo 3: Former stockpile area. No seeding has been performed.