

# MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:		MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:
O'Dwyer		M-2002-017	Sand and gravel	Lincoln
INSPECTION TYPE:		WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:
Surety Release Inspection			April 22, 2025	01:30
OPERATOR:		<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b>	
Lincoln County			110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b>		BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Surety Release Requested			\$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT:		POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:	
NA		None	None	
INSPECTOR(S):	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:		SIGNATURE DATE:	
Ben Hammar			April 30, 2025	
Zach Trujillo	Ellman			

# **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>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 Y	(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 O'Dwyer 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 9.3 acre 110c operation located approximately 6 miles north of Genoa. 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 outside of a small stockyard near the entrance roadway.

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 exception of a small area outside of the stream bed which was stripped to act as a product stockpile. This area had been reseeded but is relatively bare compared to the surrounding area. A single mounded product stockpile is also present within this area, however per a conversation with the landowner and the operator this area has been stated by the landowner to be acceptable as is. The existing roadway has also been stated to be acceptable as is.

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. Due to the statement provided by the landowner and the general quality of reclamation efforts outside of the previously mentioned areas, the Division will be granting a full release for this site. An letter stating the approval of the release request will be provided in separate letterhead.

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.

### **Inspection Contact Address**

Lincoln County PO box 39 Hugo, CO 80821

Enclosure

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#### PERMIT #: M-2002-017 INSPECTOR'S INITIALS: BEH INSPECTION DATE: April 22, 2025

# **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: Posted mine ID sign.



Photo 2: Less vegetated area and remaining stockpile. Owner states area is in acceptable condition.



Photo 3: Reclaimed area within streambed. Facing northern portion of permit.



Photo 5: Reclaimed berms and additional documentation of the stockpile. Facing south.



Photo 4: Reclaimed area of streambed, facing east.