




**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> Dist No 2 Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1979-216	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Fremont
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 16, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:20
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Fremont County	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Michael Whitt & Scott Hileman	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$0.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Jocelyn Carter	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> May 6, 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:** Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan

**PROBLEM:** The current mine plan needs to be updated and clarified pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32.5-112 (1)(c)(VI). There are imported materials stockpiled on the permitted area. The operator must provide sufficient information to describe or identify how the operator intends to conduct the operation.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The operator shall submit a Technical Revision, with the required \$216 revision fee, to update and clarify the current approved mine plan to reflect existing and proposed activities regarding the imported materials by the corrective action date.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 6/10/25

**OBSERVATIONS**

The Dist No. 2 Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-1979-216, was inspected by me, Jocelyn Carter, on behalf of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). Fremont County is the permittee and Mr. Mike Whitt and Mr. Scott Hileman attended the site visit for this inspection. The weather was clear with cool temperatures and a breeze.

Dist No. 2 Gravel Pit is a 110c construction operation with 9.90 acres permitted and extracts sand and gravel. The site is located approximately 0.5 miles north of the City of Florence on the east side of Colorado Highway 67. At the time of the inspection, there was no equipment on site or mining activities taking place.

There is a problem being cited in this report for imported materials being stored on the site. Photos taken during the site visit are included in this report. Questions about this inspection report should be directed to me by email at [Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us](mailto:Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us).

### **Records**

The permit is up to date on annual reports, maps, and fees. There are no open enforcement issues or minor infractions for this permit. The surface and mineral are owned by the county. The last inspection of the site by the Division was on March 30, 2021. According to the last inspection, it was brought to the operator's attention that their annual maps show the property boundary rather than the permit boundary as required. The operator was asked to start submitting a map showing the permit boundary for the 2022 annual submission. According to the records, the annual map submitted in 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 all show the property boundary. The annual items are due January 20 of every year. *The operator is asked to submit an annual map that shows the permit boundary for the 2026 submission.*

### **Hydrological Balance**

There did not appear to be an impact on the hydrologic balance to the area.

### **General Mine Plan Compliance**

There are several stockpiles of imported materials being stored on the site in the northwest area, see Photo #5. Various types of materials are stored on site including gravel, asphalt, concrete partitions, metal culverts, steel I-beams, and wood/mulch. The permit does not include using the site for storage of these materials. This is being cited as a problem in this report. See the problem above for the corrective action and the corrective action due date.

### **Signs and Markers**

The mine sign is posted at the entrance of the site, see Photo #1. The permit is adjacent to the Union Hills Gravel Pit, also operated by Fremont County, and the entrance to the site is at the eastern end of the permit area, see Photo #4. There are also an old landfill and a shooting range in the vicinity, both require marking the area. The permit boundary markers used at the time of the site visit were white PVC pipes over T-posts. There was some confusion about which markers were being used for each land use area.

On April 29, 2025, the operator provided a map and corresponding photos, attached to this report. The Union Gravel Pit is marked with PVC that are marked with orange, the Dis. No. 2 Pit is marked with blue, and those that mark the shared boundary line are marked with both blue and orange.

### **Acid or Toxic Materials**

There are no acid or toxic materials associated with this permit.

### **Financial Warranty**

The Division does not hold a bond for this site in accordance with Rule 4.1(1).

### **Backfill & Grading**

The southern portion of the permit area appears to have been backfilled and graded at the appropriate 2H:1V or less slope.

### **Processing Facilities**

There was not a processing facility on site at the time of the inspection.

### **Erosion/Sedimentation**

There was no issue with erosion or sedimentation observed at the time of the site visit.

### **Roads**

The access road was in good condition and stable, see Photo #2.

### **Topsoil**

According to the mining plan, the topsoil is stored along the southern portion of the permit area, see Photo #3. The stockpile appears to be well graded, with a 2H:1V or less slope, stable and well vegetated.

### **Revegetation**

Noxious weeds were not observed on site at the time of the inspection.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo #1: Mine sign posted at the entrance of the permit area.





Photo #2: View of the access road, looking to the south.



Photo #3: View of the pit floor, looking to the south. The topsoil berm can be seen in the background.





Photo #4: View of the pit floor, looking to the southeast. The entrance to the Union Hill Gravel Pit can be seen in the background at the break in the berm.



Photo #5: View of the various imported materials stockpiled on the site.

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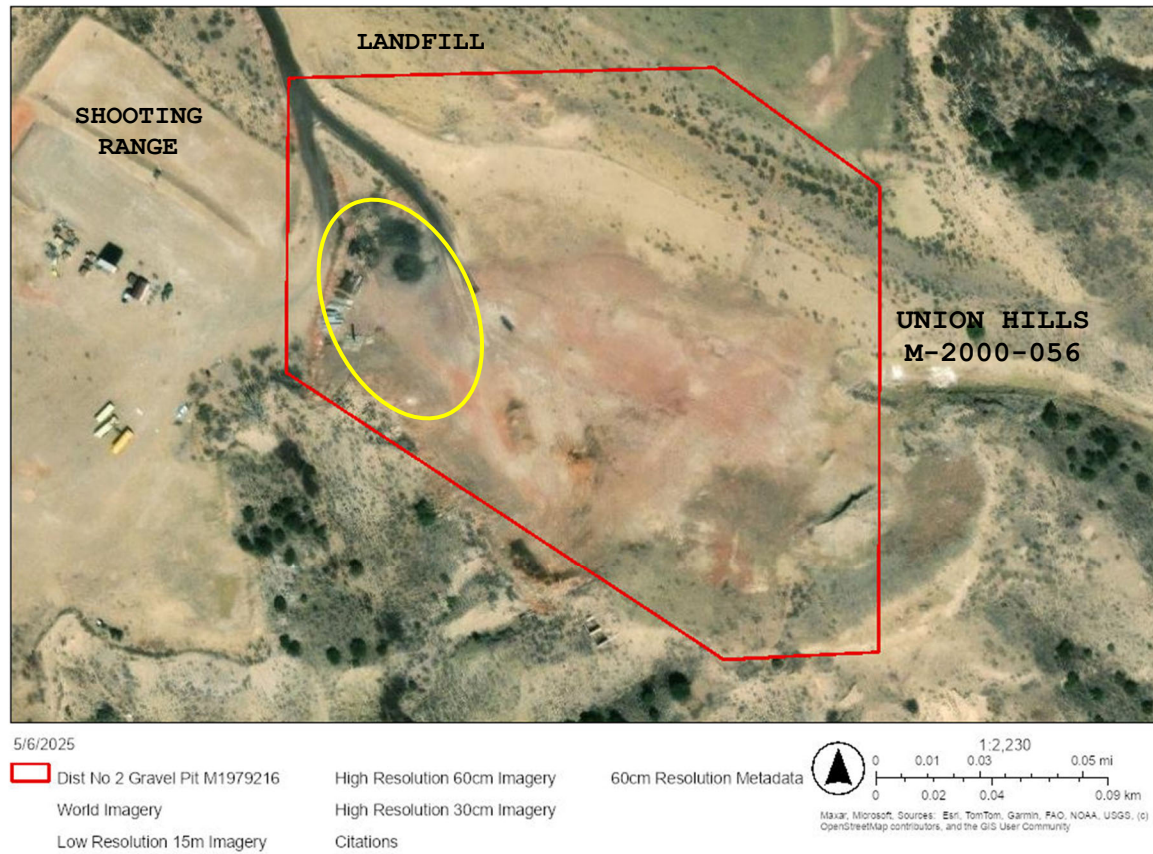


Figure 1: Map of the permit area showing where the imported materials are stored (circled in yellow) and the neighboring land uses.



### 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>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>PB</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>Y</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

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Enclosure      Operator's Photos of Boundary Marker

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