




**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> Stroh Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2002-078	<b>MINERAL:</b> Gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Larimer
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> April 21, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Coulson Excavating Company, Inc.	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Ken Coulson, Peter Wayland	<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> \$1,000.00	
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None	
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Joel Renfro Patrick Lennberg	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> May 9, 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>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</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>N</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>N</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**

The Stroh pit was inspected by Joel Renfro and Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). This inspection was conducted in part as a regular monitoring inspection, but also in conjunction with the Kirtright AM-1 inspection since the two sites are adjacent to one another. Ken Coulson with Coulson Excavating Company, Inc., and Peter Wayland with Weiland, Inc. were present during the inspection. The Stroh Pit is located about 3 miles east of Loveland, CO in Larimer County. This site is accessed via a dirt road (that Coulson's have deeded easement to use) off of the I-25 frontage road along the western boundary of the Kirtright Pit. The weather was clear at the time of inspection. **Photos 1-4** taken during the inspection are included with this report.

This is a 119 acre 112c operation permitted for 92 affected acres to extract sand and gravel. The site is located on land owned by Ken and Richard Coulson. The approved post-mine land use is developed water resources.

The site was not active at the time of inspection, however it appears that the site is being used for agricultural purposes. There is some farming equipment that appears unrelated to mining activity stored along the northwestern boundary of the site. Directly east of the farming equipment, some modular steel truss framing that can be used in constructing a conveyor system is being stored. It appears that these frames have been stored on site since 2020. These frames are not permanent fixtures secured into the ground, nor has a conveyor system been approved for use at the site. Additionally, the farming equipment and frames are being stored on land owned by the operator. Based on observations made during the inspection mining activity has not yet begun on this site.

It's important to monitor when activity has begun and/or will begin on this site because of a stipulation added to the permit along with the approval of SR-1 in November 2011. This surety reduction set the bond for the site to \$1,000 since mining activity had not started. The stipulation added the the permit is as follows:

Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. shall request in writing to the DRMS that the financial warranty be increased prior to commencing mining. An increase of the financial warranty shall be requested, and provided with the letter to the DRMS, by Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. to its bonding /surety provider prior to commencing mining. The increased financial warranty and updated bond forms shall also be provided to the DRMS from Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. bonding /surety provider.

The Division requested that, before any activity begins, Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. notify the Division at least 90 days in advance, so that the Division has enough time to accurately update the reclamation cost estimate for the site, based on the currently approved permit, and to be consistent with current reclamation costs. Since the operation is proposing to be developed water resources, it is likely that a revision, either a Technical Revision or an Amendment to the permit, will need to be submitted to the Division prior to activity beginning since guidelines and requirements from the Division of Water Resources (DWR) have been updated since the initial permit approval in 2002.

During the inspection it was stated that the operator was going to be submitting a Technical Revision sometime in the future. Before submitting any revision document, the Division requests that Coulson Excavating Company, Inc. contact the Division first to discuss the nature of the revision so the Division can determine the appropriate level of revision, Technical Revision or Amendment, for the proposed changes to the approved permit.

This concludes the report.

*Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Joel Renfro at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, via telephone at (720) 812-2002, or email at joel.renfro@state.co.us.*



## PHOTOGRAPHS



**Photo 1.** Conveyor frames stored alongside the northwest of the permit area, looking north.



**Photo 2.** Farming equipment also stored in the northwest corner of the permit area, looking northwest.





**Photo 3.** Image of the conveyor frames taken from the south end of the storage area, looking north.



**Photo 4.** A dirt road along the western permit boundary used to access the site, looking northeast.

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