




**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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>Stone Canyon Quarry                  | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>M-2012-018   | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Stone   | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Boulder   |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Surety Release Inspection      | <b>WEATHER:</b> Raining  | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>April 25, 2025                               | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>09:00 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>Stone Canyon Quarry, LLC              | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Bernard Buster  | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>112c - Construction Regular Operation |                             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Surety Release Requested | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>Complete Bond   | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$2,125.00                                  |                             |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                           | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None  | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None                                 |                             |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Patrick Lennberg                  | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>June 24, 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.

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| (AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>                 | (FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>    | (RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>        |
| (HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>      | (BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</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>Y</u>  |
| (SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>N</u>       | (SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>   | (RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>  |
| (ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>   | (SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</u>   | (ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</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 Stone Canyon Quarry (site) was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of a surety release request (full/final release request), submitted in accordance with Rule 4.17, received by the Division on April 4, 2025. The site was previously inspected by the Division on June 9, 2022, as part of the Division's routine monitoring program. Bernard Buster, operator/permittee, accompanied me at the end of the inspection. The weather was cloudy and rainy.

This is a 112c operation permitted for 31 acres. The affected acreage is 31 acres. The permit is for the mining of moss rock for building materials and decorative use. The mine is located on property owned by Bernard and Brenda Buster and is in Boulder County. The site entrance is located approximately 3 miles north of Lyons, CO via Stone Canyon Drive. The approved post-mining land use is residential.

The Division sent notice of the release request to the Boulder County Commissioners, Boulder County Planning Department, the Longmont Soil Conservation District, and the landowners. The Division has not received any comments from the parties noticed.

The site has not been active for years and is in final reclamation. Mining at the site was accomplished by picking up or levering out of the ground the moss rocks. The rock was then transported to a more level area where it was palletized for market or storage. The primary stone storage area is adjacent to the main access road in the eastern portion of the site. There were a few pallets of marketable stone scattered throughout the site. As stated during the previous inspection all marketable materials were to be removed from the site prior to approval of permit release. The Operator was unable to remove the identified marketable materials in statutory timeframes and on May 22, 2025, requested an extension to the decision date to allow for more time to remove the materials. On June 24, 2025, the Division performed a follow-up inspection to verify that all marketable materials had been removed from the site.

The permit boundary is marked by tee-posts and a property fence. Removal of topsoil and/or overburden was not required for this operation. In total the operation has disturbed approximately 7 acres. Disturbance has been limited to picking operations over those 7 acres. No new roads were constructed by the operation, as there were existing roads and trails that were utilized. Vegetation has naturally reclaimed roads and areas used for mining and is well established, diverse, and self-regenerating.

Based on observations made during both inspections the Division will approve full and final release of permit.

Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Patrick Lennberg by email at [patrick.lennberg@state.co.us](mailto:patrick.lennberg@state.co.us) if you have any questions regarding this report.

### **Inspection Contact Address**

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Location where material was being stored



**Photo 2:** Storage area, palletized material cannot be moved because the pallets have fallen apart





**Photo 3:** Storage area, looking south along access road



**Photo 4:** Access road leading to mined area, gate is used to access neighboring permit M1981-075





**Photo 5:** Typical area used for moss rock collection



**Photo 6:** Looking west uphill along the access road used to transport moss rock





**Photo 7:** Looking downhill across areas used for moss rock collection



**Photo 8:** Looking east downhill along the access road used to transport moss rock





**Photo 9:** Location of muck bucket, June 2025



**Photo 10:** Storage location of marketable material that has been removed, June 2025





**Photo 11:** Storage location of marketable material that has been removed, June 2025



**Photo 12:** Storage location of marketable material that has been removed, June 2025