




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: Peters Pit No 2	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1987-186	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Weld
INSPECTION TYPE: Surety Release Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: June 3, 2025	INSP. TIME: 11:00
OPERATOR: Weld County Public Works	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Nate Gibson	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Surety Release Requested	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Nikie Gagnon	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 2, 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>N</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>N</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>N</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>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 Peters Pit No. 2 was inspected by Nikie Gagnon with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). This inspection was completed in response to a request from Weld County Public Works for an evaluation of the revegetation of the haul road at the site. Following the inspection, in accordance with Rule 4.17.1, Weld County submitted a full/final acreage release request (SL1) on June 16, 2025. Nate Gibson, representing Weld County Public Works, accompanied the Division during the inspection. The site is located approximately six miles west of Hereford on Weld County Road 136.5. A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the site, as required by Rule 3.1.12(1) and t-posts are installed marking the boundaries of the permit area.

Weld County requests a full/final release of 98.60 acres. The post mining land use is rangeland. The parcel is owned by the Peters 313 Ranch Inc. Release notifications were mailed by the Division on June 16, 2025. As of the date of this report, no objections to the acreage reduction have been received.

Reclamation Success

Mining at the gravel pit ceased in 2014 and reclamation of the site began in 2015. The Division last inspected the Peters Pit on January 2, 2024. At that time, the Division determined the site is reclaimed per the approved Reclamation Plan. Slopes are graded to 4HL1V, and 1-2 feet of topsoil and overburden was replaced across the site. The mined pit and slopes are revegetated with a seed mixture which includes western wheatgrass, sideoats grama, blue grama, little bluestem and switchgrass. During this inspection, the Division also observed a variety of native forbs across the reclaimed pit and slopes.

In 2024, the access road was the only concern, which was bare in a few areas and had weedy primary vegetation. Weld County placed additional topsoil and reseeded the road in 2022. The area received above average precipitation over the past year. During this inspection, the Division observed rows of native grasses reestablishing across the access road. Some kochia and other annual weeds were noted, primarily near the entrance to the site, but the grass serves as the primary vegetation now with some weeds present. The Division determined the reclamation plan was followed and the vegetative cover on the access road is capable of regenerating and will continue to increase in density each growing season.

Based on observations made during this inspection, the reclamation work is complete. The request for an acreage release of 98.60 acres will be approved. Notice of the Division's decision regarding the release request will be sent under a separate cover letter.

A subset of the photographs taken during inspection are attached. Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Nikie Gagnon at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety via telephone at 720-527-1640, or email at nikie.gagnon@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Looking south across the reclaimed pit floor.



Photo 2: Looking west, close up view of the diverse grassy vegetation on the pit floor.



Photo 3: Forbs observed within the grassy vegetation.



Photo 4: Looking southwest into the pit from the entrance to the pit from the access road.



Photo 5: Looking south at the rows of drill seeded grass reestablishing on the access road near the entrance to the pit.



Photo 6: Looking south at revegetation along the center of the access road.



Photo 7: Looking southeast at grassy vegetation on the road, near the entrance of the site.



Photo 8: Mine sign installed at the entrance to the pit on WCR 136.5

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