




**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> Rudder Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2019-008	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand	<b>COUNTY:</b> Lincoln
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Surety Release Inspection	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 2, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 12:30
<b>OPERATOR:</b> McCormick Excavation & Paving, LLC	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Surety Release Requested	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> Complete Bond	<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> Ben Hammar	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 10, 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>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>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>NA</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--- <u>Y</u>	(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 was performed as part of the release process as requested by the operator, Jim McCormick. It was performed by Ben Hammar, who was accompanied by the landowner. The Rudder Pit is a 9.9 ac 110c gravel pit located approximately 16 miles northeast of Limon, CO. At the time of inspection the weather was clear and the ground was dry.

Per conversation with the landowner, this site has not been used in over a year due to Jim McCormick's retirement. Little disturbance was present when the pit was active, and due to regular seasonal flow within the stream there was nearly no disturbance able to be observed at the time of inspection. The access road to the site had grown over to the point of being difficult to find, and no significant impact to the surrounding hydrologic balance was observed.

The areas outside of the riverbed appeared to be adequately revegetated, with some sedimentation near the edges of the stream due to recent heavy rainfall. The site currently holds a bond of \$5,270. Based upon the reclamation observed during this inspection and a statement from the landowner during the inspection that the reclamation is acceptable, this release request is approved. A letter detailing the next steps required will be supplied with this report.

#### **Inspection Contact Address**

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## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1: Site facing north.



Photo 2: Center of pit facing east. This is the primary area of disturbance.



Photo 3: Sedimented shoreline and southeastern area of the site.



Photo 4: Far southern area of site.

