




**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> Lehr Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-1983-213	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> Weld
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> July 10, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 10:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Weld County Public Works	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> Nate Gibson	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
<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> Patrick Lennberg	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> July 11, 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>Y</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>Y</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 Lehr Gravel Pit (site) permit no. M-1983-213 was inspected by Patrick Lennberg with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). The inspection was completed as part of the Division's routine monitoring program. The site was last inspected by the Division on January 23, 2020, as part of the routine monitoring program. Nate Gibson representing the Operator, Weld County, accompanied me during the inspection. The weather was cloudy and windy.

The site is 112c Construction Materials permit for 36.4 acres. The permit area is in Weld County, approximately 11 miles north northwest of Nunn. The site is accessed to the north of Weld County Road (WCR) 120 about 1.8 miles west of the intersection of WCR 120 and US Route 85 (CanAm Highway). The post-mining land use for this site is rangeland. The permit area and affected lands are owned by L.G. Everist Materials. A mine sign was posted along the primary mine entrance as required by Rule 3.1.12.

The site has been in final reclamation since 2012 with the first round of seeding being completed in 2013. In 2016 the Division approved Technical Revision 1 which approved the haul road to remain after the completion of reclamation for use by the landowner. The haul road is slowly being naturally reclaimed.

Currently, the site has well-established diverse vegetation with minimal annual and noxious weeds. As mentioned in the previous inspection report there are a few areas that do not have vegetation establishing consistent with the surrounding areas. In observing these areas, it appears these areas have a rockier soil texture. However, vegetation is volunteering into these areas and the ground is stable. All slopes have been graded to 3H:1V or shallower, and the pit floor does not have any areas of pooling water or signs of pooling water.

Based on the current conditions of the permit area the Division recommends the Operator seek release of the permit. If the Operator submits the appropriate paperwork within 30 days of the mailing date of this inspection report an additional inspection will not be needed.

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.

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**PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1:** Mine sign at primary mine entrance



**Photo 2:** Haul road and permit boundary marker





**Photo 3:** Looking west across the reclaimed pit area



**Photo 4:** Looking east at the eastern permit boundary





**Photo 5:** Looking southeast across the permit area towards the mine entrance



**Photo 6:** Looking south across the permit area, Koskie permit in the background





**Photo 7:** Looking southwest across the permit area



**Photo 8:** Western slope of mined area





**Photo 9:** Looking northwest across the permit area



**Photo 10:** Looking northeast across the permit area