




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: Berry Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1977-132	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Rio Blanco
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 3, 2025	INSP. TIME: 08:30
OPERATOR: Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba United Companies of Mesa County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Jesse Farmer	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$293,049.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: 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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>NA</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</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>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</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>Y</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

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. The Berry Pit is a 112c permitted site located one mile east of Meeker, Colorado in Rio Blanco County. The permitted area is 91.21 acres, with a maximum allowed disturbance of 67.6 acres. At this time it's estimated that approximately 45 acre are disturbed. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Jesse Farmer represented Oldcastle and accompanied me on the inspection.

Acid And Toxic Materials:

One fuel tank was observed in secondary containment located by the scale house. Several empty totes that were observed during the last inspection remain on site. Please remove these items.

Explosives:

Explosives are not used.

Financial Warranty:

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$293,049.00 for this site. The bond was last recalculated with SI-7 in 2021. In an effort to ensure the Financial Warranty adequately reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the approved reclamation plan the Division has updated the reclamation cost estimate. The proposed Surety Increase (SI8) is attached to this inspection report. Please notify the Division of any errors by July 25, 2025.

Hydrologic Balance:

No dewatering is required for mining or reclamation. A small sediment pond remains on site for processing mined material.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

There appears to be minimal activity on site. The site has largely begun to self-reclaim (yellow sweet clover). Evidence of recent hauling from existing stockpiles is evident where vegetation is void. Highwalls all appear to be in similar condition as compared to the previous inspection. No additional excavations have been made. No equipment was on site.

The eastern portion of the permit area remains undisturbed. Mining is progressing to the east with some reclaimed areas along the southwestern highwall. Stockpiles of asphalt millings remain on site. Several large stockpiles of various processed materials are located throughout the pit floor.

The pit is mined to approximately 40 feet deep. The active highwall is along the eastern side and is approximately 1000 linear feet and near vertical. The majority of the other highwalls in the pit are approximately a 2H: 1V. Most are a continual slope but some have an interstitial bench. Approximately half of the slopes have some sort of vegetation. The approved reclamation plan calls for slopes no greater than 2.5H: 1V so some additional grading may be needed. The pit floor is stabilized with gravel. A small pond was located along the southeast site of the permit boundary.

Reclamation Success:

No areas were evaluated for reclamation success.

Revegetation:

As previously noted, the site has begun to self-reclaim. The operator is encouraged to reclaim any areas where no further mining is going to occur. No weeds were found.

Subsidence:

No Subsidence, slides or other damages were observed.

Support Facilities On-site:

Scale and scale house remain on site.

Signs and Markers:

A mine sign was posted at the entrance to the mine site as required by Rule 3.1.12(1). The information depicted was correct/ up to date and the sign was of sufficient size (Photo Eleven). The permit boundary of the affected land was clearly delineated pursuant to Rule 3.1.12(2). Access to the site was restricted by a locked gate.

Six Photos are attached.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to: Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Rm 215, 1001 E 62nd Ave, Denver Co 80216. Direct contact can be made by phone at 303-866-3567 Ext 8183 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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Enclosure: Reclamation Cost Estimate

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Pit entrance



Photo 2: Self reclaiming stockpiles





Photo 5: Open highwall



Photo 6: Scale and house