

# MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT PHONE: (303) 866-3567

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:	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:	MINERAL:	COUNTY:	
White River City Pit	M-2006-084	Gravel and sand	Rio Blanco	
INSPECTION TYPE:	WEATHER:	INSP. DATE:	INSP. TIME:	
Monitoring	Clear	July 3, 2025	09:15	
OPERATOR:	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b>	TYPE OF OPERA	TYPE OF OPERATION:	
Oldcastle SW Group, Inc. dba	Jese Farmer	112c - Construction	112c - Construction Regular Operation	
United Companies				
REASON FOR INSPECTION:	BOND CALCULATION TYPE:	BOND AMOUNT:	BOND AMOUNT:	
Normal I&E Program	Complete Bond	\$539,225.00		
DATE OF COMPLAINT:	POST INSP. CONTACTS:	JOINT INSP. AGENCY:		
NA	DRMS	None		
INSPECTOR(S):	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:	SIGNATURE DATE:		
Amy Yeldell	Amy Geldell	July 15, 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 N	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES N	(TS) TOPSOIL $\underline{Y}$
(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 N	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP NA
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION N	(ST) STIPULATIONS <u>N</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS <u>Y</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

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## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. The White River City Pit is a 112c permitted site located approximately 16 miles west of Meeker, Colorado in Rio Blanco County. The permitted area is 92.74 acres. At this time it's estimated that approximately 75 acres are affected by mining. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Jesse Farmer represented Oldcastle and accompanied me on the inspection.

## Availability Of Records:

The Mining and Reclamation Plan was last updated with TR-1 in 2022.

## Acid And Toxic Materials:

The fuel is stored within secondary containment near the scale house (Photo One). No other hazardous or toxic materials were observed on site.

## Backfilling and Grading:

Backfilling and grading was being conducted in the northeast portion of the pit (Photo Two). Topsoil was being reapplied. Some minor regarding to blend is still required. The pit has been mined to a depth of approximately 20 feet.

Stripping was occurring in the northwest section of the mine. Overburden was being transported directly to its final placement along the norther portion of the site (Photos Three and Four). Several small piles in a windrow were present approximately 8 feet wide by 200 feet long that require flattening. Additionally in the stripped area a small highwall was present. It is approximately 300 linear feet long cut/fill.

#### Explosives:

Explosives are not used on this site.

#### Financial Warranty:

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$539,225.00 for this site. The bond was last recalculated with SI-2 in 2021. The bond was not adjusted with the approval of TR-1. 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 will be updating the reclamation cost estimate. If the current bond is found to be insufficient the Division will send a Notice of Surety Increase under a separate cover.

# **Hydrologic Balance:**

The active mine areas are dewatered via a series of trenches (Photo Five).

#### Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

The site was active at the time of the inspection.

The site is nearly mined out to the west. Additional land will be affected to transition external slopes from a 2H: 1V to 3H: 1V for reclamation.

Southern pad bench area remains in place. Currently there are no stockpiles in this area. Per TR-1 portions of this will be mined in the future (Photo Six). No processing equipment was on site. Crushed last occurred over a year ago. Several large stockpiles are present on the pit floor. Some stockpiles of processed material as well as stripped overburden were located along the eastern middle. (Photos Seven through Nine)

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A scale and scale house are located along the southeast side of the pit.

## Other:

The wetland areas in the bottom of the pit appear to be properly avoided. Several undisturbed patches were evident. The settling pond is located in the middle of the pit along the east side.

## Right of Entry:

Division staff verified that Oldcastle SW Group, Inc remains the landowner of all affected lands and therefore is in compliance with Rule 6.3.7 by maintaining its Legal Right of Entry.

## **Reclamation Success:**

No areas were evaluated for reclamation success. Nor did it appear that any revegetation work has occurred to date.

## Revegetation:

Tamarisk was observed throughout the pit. The operator is encouraged to continually manage these noxious weed species to avoid delays in future reclamation success.

## 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 Ten). The permit boundary of the affected land was clearly delineated primarily by a t-posts pursuant to Rule 3.1.12(2).

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 970-210-1272 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

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