




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: Valley Vista Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1981-229	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Mesa
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 8, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Parkerson Construction, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Eric Valdez	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Partial Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$77,800.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: DRMS	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Amy Yeldell	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 17, 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>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>N</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>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>Y</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 conducted as part of the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. The Valley Vista Pit is a 112 permitted site located off 32 Road, approximately 5 miles south of Clifton in Mesa County. Amy Yeldell of the Division conducted the inspection. Eric Valdez represented the Operator, Parkerson Construction, Inc.

Acid And Toxic Materials:

No fuel or other hazardous debris was observed on site.

Backfilling and Grading:

All slopes have been graded to a 3H:1V or less and blend well with the surrounding topography.

Financial Warranty:

The Division currently requires a financial warranty amount of \$77,800.00 for this site. The bond was last adjusted in 2008. The Operator has indicated that they wish to submit an amendment to change the post mine land use to industrial given that several seeding attempts have been made with little success. The Division will postpone updating the reclamation cost estimate for revegetation. If an amendment is not submitted by January 1, 2026, then the Division may issue SI-3 to cover the reclamation costs to proceed with the currently approved reclamation plan.

Hydrologic Balance:

No exposed groundwater or surface water flows were observed at this site.

Roads:

The lower paved entrance way remains in place as per TR-1.

Reclamation Success:

Mining has concluded at this site. The approved reclamation plan has been implemented with little to no success. During the inspection options regarding final reclamation and permit termination were discussed. Following the inspection the Operator confirmed that they intend to change the post mine land used to commercial industrial. They acknowledge that this will require an amendment to the permit.

Revegetation:

Revegetation has occurred site wide with little to no success. Overall cover is estimated at less than 10%. The few plants that are desirable are almost all shrubs. Previously the site has struggles with noxious weeds especially Halogeton. The noxious weeds appear to be well managed. Some small populations were observed but it was not completely infested. The aggressive spraying may be contributing to poor revegetation success depending on herbicides used and their timing.

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 . The permit boundary of the affected land was clearly delineated pursuant to Rule 3.1.12(2).

Topsoil:

All topsoil has been applied. The site remains extremely rocky.

Four photos are included with this report.

No problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign



Photo 2: Contoured highwall



Photo 3: Pit overview



Photo 4: Pit overview