



**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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>Koskie Pit                     | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>M-2014-024                                                                         | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Sand and gravel                                 | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Weld      |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Monitoring               | <b>WEATHER:</b> Cloudy                                                                                             | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>July 10, 2025                                | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>10:30 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>Weld County Public Works        | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Nate Gibson                                                                     | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>112c - Construction Regular Operation |                             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Normal I&E Program | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>None                                                                              | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$0.00                                      |                             |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                     | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None                                                                                | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None                                 |                             |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Patrick Lennberg            | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>July 18, 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.

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| (AR) RECORDS----- <u>N</u>                 | (FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</u>    | (RD) ROADS----- <u>N</u>        |
| (HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>N</u>      | (BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>Y</u>    | (EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>   |
| (PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>Y</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>N</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>Y</u>   | (SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</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 Koskie Pit (site) permit no. M-2014-024 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 August 5, 2020, a pre-operation inspection, as part of the amendment application no. 1 (AM-1) process. 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 160.4 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 cropland. The permit area and affected lands are owned by Scott and Carrie Koskie. A mine sign was posted along the primary mine entrance as required by Rule 3.1.12.

In 2020 the permit was amended to increase the permit area from 40.5 acres to 160.4 acres, an increase of 119.9 acres. The affected area is equal to the permit area, 160.4 acres.

The site was minimally active at the time of inspection as crews were addressing some maintenance items on the portable screen and crushing plant. In the processing area there were a few minor product stockpiles and a large raw material stockpile. Weld County has an arrangement with the landowner whereby the County processes material and moves that material to a stockpiling location on land owned by the County immediately west of the pit prior to that material being used by the County. In this arrangement the landowner receives royalties in a timely manner. The land owned by the County is also where the police training center is located. Additionally, the County obtained a grading permit, from the County, for the stockpiling activity.

At the time of inspection mining of the original 40 acres is near completion. The northern mined area has been graded to a 4H:1V slope and once the remaining raw material stockpile is processed overburden and reject material will be graded out and topsoil placed. To the south of the current processing area topsoil has been stripped and stockpiled along the perimeter of the planned mining area. The planned mining area is well within the permit boundary. The eastern edge of the planned mining area is 200 feet from the permit boundary and varies on the west side from 150 feet in the northwest corner to almost 600 feet in the southwestern corner. Weld County typically mines a permitted area two years at a time, generating stockpiles of material that are gradually removed until they return to mine again. The permit boundary is marked by a fence line along with the topsoil stockpiles. In the southern portion of the permit area there is a swale that is used to manage stormwater. Material that was excavated in creating the swale has been stockpiled and will be consumed during mining.

The Division did not evaluate the bond as no bond is currently held for the site.

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 the primary mine entrance



**Photo 2:** Regraded northern pit area slope (4H:1V) and vegetate topsoil stockpile



**Photo 3:** Regraded northwestern pit area slope (4H:1V) and vegetate topsoil stockpile



**Photo 4:** Portable screening and crushing equipment



**Photo 5:** Southern permit area, stockpiled material in foreground from swale, ponded water from storms overnight. Looking west.



**Photo 6:** Looking north from the swale area, eastern topsoil stockpile on the right.



**Photo 7:** Looking southwest from near the middle of the permit area



**Photo 8:** Looking east from near the middle of the permit area

