



COLORADO

Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety


Department of Natural Resources

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: Bent Co State Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2021-005	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Bent
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 15, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:30
OPERATOR: Bent County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Kevin Van Egmond	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Ursula Armstrong	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 23, 2025

The following inspection topics were identified as having Problems or Possible Violations. OPERATORS SHOULD READ THE FOLLOWING PAGES CAREFULLY IN ORDER TO ASSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE PERMIT AND APPLICABLE RULES AND REGULATIONS. If a Possible Violation is indicated, you will be notified under separate cover as to when the Mined Land Reclamation Board will consider possible enforcement action.

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: A proper mine identification sign was not posted at the entrance of the mine site. This is a problem for failure to post a mine identification sign in accordance with Rule 3.1.12(1).

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The Operator shall, at the entrance of the mine site post a sign, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with a minimum size equaling one hundred and eighty-seven (187) square inches, such as eleven (11) inches in height and seventeen (17) inches in width, with appropriate font size, with the following: the name of the Operator, the operation name, a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board, and the permit number. The operator shall submit photo documentation that a proper sign has been posted by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 8/22/25

OBSERVATIONS

The Bent Co State Pit (Permit No. M-2021-005), operated by Bent County, was inspected by Ursula Armstrong of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) on July 15, 2025. The operator was represented by Kevin Van Egmond during the inspection. This was a normal monitoring inspection. The site is located approximately 5 miles north of Las Animas, Colorado in Bent County directly east of Co Rd 10. **Photos 1-10** taken during the inspection are included with this report.

This is a 110c operation permitted for 22.3 acres to mine sand and gravel for use in maintenance of streets and for other needs throughout the County. The mining direction moves from west to east, with topsoil and overburden being removed and stored along the northern edge of the permit boundary. Mined materials are stockpiled and used as needed. Reclamation occurs once mining is completed, and all slopes will be graded to a 3:1 slope, topsoil will be distributed at a depth of 3-10 inches, and the area will be drill seeded with a blend of native grasses. The post-mining land use is rangeland.

At the time of the inspection, the weather was warm and sunny. A permit sign was posted at the western entrance to the site with the operator's name, operation name, and the permit number. **The posted sign did not include a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (MLRB), this is cited as a problem (Problem #1).** The operator will need to post a statement that a reclamation permit has been issued by the MLRB that will remain at the posted sign.

The permit boundary was delineated by tires buried in the ground. The site was not active during the inspection. There are several material stockpiles that the County uses as needed. The Division would like to remind the operator that to retain the permit, they need to be active every year (e.g. material extraction, hauling off-site, or processing stockpiled material), unless the operator wants to apply for Temporary Cessation or initiate final reclamation.

This concludes the report.

Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Ursula Armstrong at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, via telephone at 720-793-3031, or via email at ursula.armstrong@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. View looking west at Co Rd 10.



Photo 2. View of the mined area with the 3 material stockpiles, looking north.



Photo 3. One of the material stockpiles.



Photo 4. Looking west at one of the material stockpiles.



Photo 5. View looking northwest at the largest material stockpile onsite.



Photo 6. View looking north at the mined area.



Photo 7. View looking south across the mined area.



Photo 8. View looking east at the undisturbed permit area.



Photo 9. One of the permit boundary corner markers.



Photo 10. The posted mine identification sign that does not have the MLRB statement.

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(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>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</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>PB</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</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

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