




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: SH 69 Gravel Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2018-010	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Fremont
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Cloudy	INSP. DATE: July 17, 2025	INSP. TIME: 09:40
OPERATOR: Fremont County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mr. Scott Hileman	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110c - Construction Limited Impact	
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): Jocelyn Carter	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 6, 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>NA</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>Y</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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION-- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</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

The SH 69 Gravel Pit, Permit No. M-2018-010, was inspected by me, Jocelyn Carter, on behalf of the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS). The permittee is Fremont County and Mr. Scott Hileman was present for the inspection representing Fremont County. The visit was conducted as a routine monitoring inspection. The weather conditions at the time of the inspection were partially overcast with warm temperatures.

SH 69 Gravel Pit is located on the east side on Colorado State Highway 69 (CO 69), the access road is approximately 2.5 miles south of the town of Texas Creek in Fremont County. The operation is permitted for 8.93 acres and extracts gravel material for road base by surface mining. The post-mining land use is rangeland. At the time of the inspection, there was no mining activity or equipment on site, two small stockpiles of material were on site. According to Mr. Hileman, material has been removed within the last year, and the exposed slope will need to be ripped again to produce more gravel material for harvesting. There is an abandoned mine shaft located in the northeast area of the permit, see Photo #5.

Records

There are no open enforcement or minor infraction issues for this permit. There have been no revisions made to the original permit and the operation does not have intermittent status. The landownership and mineral rights are owned Federally by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Hydrological Balance

There did not appear to be an issue with the hydrologic balance in the permit area and the surroundings.

General Mine Plan Compliance

The operation appears to be following the approved mining plan.

Signs and Markers

The mine sign is posted along the access road and CO 69 and is accurate according to Rule 3.1.12(1), see Photo #1. The corners are appropriately marked by a combination of T-posts and white PVC piping, see Photos #2, #3, and #4.

Acid or Toxic Materials

There are no acid forming or toxic materials associated with this operation. Fuel and other maintenance fluids are not kept on site.

Financial Warranty

Per Rule 4.1(1), a financial warranty is not held for this permit.

Fish & Wildlife

There did not appear to be an issue with wildlife in the permitted area or in the vicinity.

Off-site Damage

Disturbances associated with this mining operation are within the approved permitted area.

Roads

Access to the site is by a preexisting roadway that was used for a railway that has since been abandoned. The access road appeared to be in good condition and stable.

Topsoil

The topsoil is stored in the northwest portion of the permit area. It is segregated, well vegetated, and labeled as topsoil. There appears to be an adequate amount for reclamation of the disturbed areas. The topsoil stockpile is also surrounded by hay waddles for further protection from being washed out.

Revegetation

Common mullein, a List C noxious weed, was observed on the upper portions of the exposed mining area where material is scarped out. Mr. Hileman stated that the common mullein would be treated mechanically within the next two weeks from the date of the inspection.

Photos taken during the inspection are included in this report. Question about this inspection report should be directed to me by email at Jocelyn.carter@state.co.us or by phone at (720) 666-1065.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo #1: Mine sign posted along access road and CO 69.



Photo #2: Permit boundary marker at the northwest corner.



Photo #3: Permit boundary marker at the southeast corner.



Photo #4: Permit boundary marker at the northeast corner.



Photo #5: The abandoned mine shaft in the northeast area of the permitted area.



Photo #6: View of the pit floor and the exposed area where material is scarped, looking south. A few small stockpiles of material can be seen on the right side of the picture. Areas of common mullein is circled yellow.



Photo #7: View of the topsoil stockpile on the northwestern portion of the permit area.

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