




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: Whiting Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2007-025	MINERAL: Gravel and sand	COUNTY: Delta
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: July 23, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:05
OPERATOR: Delta County	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Timothy Hunter, Anthony Hunter, Hunter Voss	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): Robert Zuber, P.E.	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 7, 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: Revegetation

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: There are state-listed noxious weeds present on site, namely halogeton. This is a problem for failure to employ weed control methods for state listed noxious weed species within the permitted area, and to reduce the spread of weeds to nearby areas as required by Section 3.1.10 (6) of the rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: Implement approved weed control plan and provide proof to the Division that this has been done, in accordance with Section 3.1.10 (6) of the Rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 10/24/25

INSPECTION TOPIC: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The affected area boundary markers, required per Rule 3.1.12, were not observed in some areas, particularly the areas south of G Road.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator must place additional markers south of G Road. They must be clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary. The operator shall demonstrate compliance by submitting photographs.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 9/26/25

INSPECTION TOPIC: Topsoil

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The topsoil stockpile does not have established vegetation and is therefore susceptible to erosion. Rule 3.1.9(1) states if topsoil is not replaced into the backfill area within a time short enough to avoid deterioration of the topsoil, vegetative cover or other means shall be employed so that the topsoil is protected from erosion.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall seed the stockpile with the seed mix that was submitted as part of the approved Reclamation Plan. The Operator shall demonstrate compliance by submitting seed tags, a bill of sale or photographs of seeding activities. Alternatively, erosion best management practices should be employed. Ideally, both seeding and other erosion control shall be used.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 9/26/25

OBSERVATIONS

The Whiting Pit (M-2007-025) is a 112C permit for 115.17 acres (maximum affected area is same), located approximately four miles east of Delta, Colorado, off G Road. All the permit area is owned by Delta County, the permittee. The post-mining land use (PMLU) for the site is rangeland.

This inspection was routine monitoring. The last inspection was in January of 2020, and the frequency of inspections for this site is 48 months.

The inspection was performed the morning of July 23, 2025. In addition to the Division inspector, Timothy Hunter, Anthony Hunter, and Hunter Voss were present. All three men are Delta County employees. The weather during the inspection was warm and partly cloudy. The ground was dry.

The entrance sign was clearly visible at the entrance, and it was large enough and contained the necessary information, per Rule 3.1.12(1). The affected boundary was generally marked well with posts (as required by Rule 3.1.12(2)). However, additional markers are needed south of G Road.

The site included a mining area near the west end (the County was not actively mining at the time of the inspection), product piles, a topsoil stockpile, an overburden pile, processing equipment (recently moved from Ellison Pit, not yet in operation at time of inspection), and a 16-foot long diesel tank, which is located within a containment structure.

The topsoil needs to be protected with erosion control practices (e.g., a berm or wattles) and seeded.

No ditches or other surface water control structures were seen. The grading of the site and berms are preventing runoff to surrounding areas. There is no indication that the site is causing offsite impacts to surface water hydrology.

There is no indication that the mining operation intercepts groundwater. The site appears to be well above the groundwater table.

The primary weed issue that was identified was the presence of halogeton around the site. Halogeton is a listed noxious species in Colorado and should be controlled by the County.

Photographs taken during the inspection are attached.

Please contact Rob Zuber with comments or questions at 720-601-2276 or rob.zuber@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Pit area



Topsoil stockpile



Large overburden pile along road



Processing site, with equipment, trailers, and diesel tank



Berm on north side of affected area



No mining activity at southwest portion of site

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>NA</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>Y</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>PB</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>PB</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>PB</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</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>Y</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

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