




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: Hukill Gulch Millsite	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2009-076	MINERAL: Silver and gold	COUNTY: Clear Creek
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear and Warm	INSP. DATE: July 18, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Venture Resources, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Mason Drake	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110d - Designated Limited Impact	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Notice of Temporary Cessation	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$107,742.72	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Nikie Gagnon	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 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.

(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>N</u>	(EX) EXPLOSIVES----- <u>N</u>
(PW) PROCESSING WASTE/TAILING---- <u>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>N</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

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted by Nikie Gagnon with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Mason Drake, representing Venture Resources, Inc., accompanied the Division during the inspection.

The Hukill Gulch Millsite is located approximately 1.5 miles northwest of Idaho Springs, CO in Clear Creek County. The site is a 110d Designated Hard Rock Limited Impact operation permitted for 8.76 acres. This site consists of two distinct areas: a 0.635 acre Mill Area and an 8.125 acre Tailings Impoundment Area located southwest of the mill. The commodities approved to be mined are gold and silver. The approved post-mining land use is rangeland.

The millsite was previously inspected on October 18, 2024. In the inspection report, the Division identified six compliance topics that needed to be addressed, including a requirement to submit a second notice of Temporary Cessation per Rule 1.13.5(3). On November 18, 2024, DRMS received a Temporary Cessation Notice – 2nd period from Venture Resources for the Mill. Prior to setting a hearing on the issue, the operator must show that the site is compliance with the performance standards of Rule 3.1 and the approved Mine Plan. The Operator submitted evidence of abatement of the inspection issues on the following dates:

- December 23, 2024 - Relocating a pile of lime to the ore shed for storage and protection from the weather.
- April 2, 2025 - Reinstallation of a silt fence around the mill area.
- May 22, 2025 - Correspondence with CDPHE regarding the filing of the stormwater annual report.
- May 30, 2025 - Boundary markers in place in the lower portion of the permit area and general maintenance around the site including cleaning up discarded piping in the stormwater holding area.

This inspection was conducted to confirm the inspection issues are resolved. The Division observed the mine sign was in place on the gate at the entrance to the millsite. The Division observed boundary markers in place below the tailings impoundment area. The mill area was free of trash. The lime pile has been moved to the storage shed. The operator reinstalled the silt fencing around the mill area. The Division also inspected the two groundwater wells. Weeds appear well controlled around the site. The operator continues to submit the quarterly groundwater sampling reports for the site. The upgradient and downgradient wells are consistently reported to be dry throughout the year. The operator submitted the stormwater annual report for 2024 (attached).

Based on the observations during this inspection, the Division concludes that the millsite is now in compliance with the permit requirements. The Division will schedule a hearing before the Board for the 2nd period of Temporary Cessation.

As noted in previous correspondence, prior to re-initiating operations and in accordance with Rule 7.3.2, the permittee will be required repair and recertify the geo composite liner system in the tailings impoundment. If the facility cannot be recertified, the Operator will need to file a Technical Revision to update the Environmental Protection Plan to repair and/or modify the Environmental Protection Facility in accordance with Rule 6.4.21(7) and 7.3.

This concludes the Division's Inspection Report; a subset of photographs taken during the time of the inspection are included below. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at 303866-3567 x8126, or by email at nikie.gagnon@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine sign posted at the entrance to the mill.



Photo 2: Looking at Ball Mill Trailer adjacent to the Mill parking area. Lime pile has been relocated to the storage shed.



Photo 3: Looking south at the crusher feed bin, crushing plant, and conveyor.



Photo 4: The 65,000 gallon water tank installed north and above of the mill.



Photos 5 & 6: Silt fence reinstalled along the perimeter of the mill area.





Photo 7: Feed pile shelter near the parking area. Lime pile relocated to inside the shelter (red arrow). Waste rock stored in the back corner of the shelter (blue arrow).



Photo 8: Fuel tank stored inside a containment vessel.



Photo 9: Looking at the out of compliance liner system in tailings storage impoundment. The liner is loose and damaged and will need to be repaired and re-certified before milling resumes.



Photo 10: Sedimentation collection pond for surface runoff below the Tailings Storage Impoundment. HDPE pipes have been removed.



Photo 11: Looking at the stormwater diversion pipeline on the west side of the Tailings Impoundment Area.



Photo 12: Looking at the stormwater diversion channel on the east side of the tailings impoundment area.



Photos 13-15: Looking at the boundary markers placed around the lower part of the mill site.





Photos 16-17: Looking at the groundwater wells above and below the tailings impoundment area.



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Enclosure: CDPHE Stormwater Annual Report for 2025

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STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORT - METAL MINING (& COAL)
COLORADO DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT
Water Quality Control Division
WQCD-P-B2
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South
Denver, Colorado 80246-1530

Make enough copies of form for each reporting year. Or go to
<http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/PermitsUnit/stormwater/industrial.html>

Check if this is a
new name, address, etc. ☐

Permittee (Company Name): Venture Resources Inc. ☐
Facility Name: Hukill Gulch Millsite M2009076 ☐
Mailing Address: 25044 CR 25, LaJunta, CO 81050 ☒
Facility Phone Number: () 239 537 1420 ☐
Permit Certification No. COR-04 0302
Reporting Period: Jan. 1-Dec. 31, 20 24 (Form is due by Feb. 15 of the following year)

****Each section must be completed. Please print or type.****

A. A report on the facility's overall compliance with the SWMP. (Include here a summary of any measures taken to comply with your Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), to fully implement it, changes or improvements made in any of your Best Management Practices (BMPs), employee training, spills, other problems encountered, etc. How is your plan working?)
No operations have occurred at this site for several years. The Hukill Gulch Millsite stormwater retention facility drains a very small area. To the best of my knowledge no water has ever been discharged from this facility. Periodically some rain water collects in the facility but quickly sinks into the ground.

Were changes made to your SWMP? ☒ No ☐ Yes - Describe changes on a separate sheet.

B. A summary of each comprehensive stormwater facility inspection made, including date, findings, and action taken. (The permit requires at least two comprehensive facility inspections per year - see page 12 of the permit. Include here a summary of those inspections, plus any other comprehensive inspections made. It is not necessary to summarize day-to-day inspections, unless significant problems were noted.)
First Inspection - Date 06/30/24. Findings, and action taken: The facility was dry. No action was taken.

STORMWATER ANNUAL REPORT - METAL MINING (& COAL)
Permit Cert. No. COR-040302

Second Inspection - Date __/__/__. Findings, and action taken: _____


Other Inspections - Date __/__/__. Findings, and action taken: _____
Many visual inspections were preformed from 2009 until the present. No inspections were
preformed during rain storms and no action was taken.

C. Results and interpretation of any stormwater monitoring performed. Attach a separate sheet with the lab results. (Monitoring is **not** a requirement under the permit, unless you were specifically directed to do so by the Division. However, the results of any stormwater monitoring that you performed on your own should be reported here.)

Monitoring Results Attached? ☒ No ☐ Yes

D. Certification

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

 05/21/25
Signature of Permittee (legally responsible person) Date Signed

Patrick Maher President
Name (printed) Title