




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: Pioneer Farm	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2000-080	MINERAL: Sand	COUNTY: Arapahoe
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: August 21, 2025	INSP. TIME: 10:00
OPERATOR: Holcim - WCR, Inc.	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Wyatt Webster	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$200,128.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Brock Bowles	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 2, 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>Y</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>N</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>N</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>N</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>N</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</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 Brock Bowles of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division). Wyatt Webster of Holcim (operator) was present for the inspection. The weather during the inspection was clear and warm. The ground was dry. The site is located 8.5 miles southeast of Watkins.

The Pioneer Farm Pit is a 112c permitted site that has 310 permitted acres with a post mining land use of cropland. A 10-acre solar farm is located on the eastern side of the permit area and is fenced off from the rest of the site. An oil well pad, approximately 5.5 acres in size, located on the southwest corner of the was removed from within the permit boundary in AR1, in 2013.

A maximum of 60.6 acres disturbance is approved. 86.7 acres are in reclamation and were farmed in winter wheat this past season.

Backfilling and Grading:

Mining operations have ceased, and site reclamation is underway. Most mining and processing equipment has been removed, with an excavator, bulldozer, and truck scale remaining. The truck scale is slated for removal in the fall.

All product stockpiles have been cleared. The pit area has been regraded to seamlessly integrate with the surrounding landscape (photo 1). The slopes of the regraded area match the angles of the adjacent farmland, allowing for the use of farming equipment in line with the post-mining land use as cropland. Topsoil was distributed to the required 6-inch depth across the entire pit area. No topsoil stockpiles remained on site.

Financial Warranty:

The Division holds a corporate surety of \$200,128 for the reclamation at the Pioneer Farm Pit. The Division has determined that this amount is adequate to cover the remaining reclamation tasks.

Revegetation:

Winter wheat was planted and harvested in the western section of the permit area, which had been previously reclaimed (photo 2)

The permit requires that topsoil be roughened for erosion control or prepared for immediate cultivation, depending on the season. Topsoil preparation must be coordinated with the farmer's fall planting season. The mining permit and Rules do not specify additional reclamation standards for the bond release of croplands. To adequately demonstrate the achievement of the post-mining land use as cropland, the operator must show that a crop can grow on the reclaimed land.

Mulching is not the preferred technique for erosion control in an agriculture field for small grain crops. Although, mulching may be used in areas where crop establishment is poor; this will be assessed after the crop has been established.

Signs and Markers:

The mine entrance sign was mounted to a cattle guard on the southeast corner of the site. The permit boundary was marked with a fence.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1- Mining area regraded to blend in with surrounding landscape, facing south



Photo 2- The reclaimed area west of the oil pad has been planted and harvested.



Photo 3- Former pit area regraded and ready for cultivation and seeding, facing northwest.



Photo 4- East sections of the permit area that were not disturbed by mining and are still farmed.

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