




**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.

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| <b>MINE NAME:</b><br>4406 Alaska, LLC Pit #1              | <b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b><br>M-2010-036   | <b>MINERAL:</b><br>Clay (general),<br>gravel and sand              | <b>COUNTY:</b><br>Phillips  |
| <b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b><br>Surety-Related Inspection      | <b>WEATHER:</b><br>Clear   | <b>INSP. DATE:</b><br>August 5, 2025                               | <b>INSP. TIME:</b><br>10:30 |
| <b>OPERATOR:</b><br>4406 Alaska LLC                       | <b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b><br>Chris Eisenhard   | <b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b><br>112c - Construction Regular Operation |                             |
| <b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b><br>Surety Release Requested | <b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b><br>Complete Bond   | <b>BOND AMOUNT:</b><br>\$59,000.00                                 |                             |
| <b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b><br>NA                           | <b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b><br>None  | <b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b><br>None                                 |                             |
| <b>INSPECTOR(S):</b><br>Joel Renfro                       | <b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b><br> | <b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b><br>September 3, 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.

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| (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>Y</u>      |
| (MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</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>Y</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**

The 4406 Alaska, LLC Pit #1 Site was inspected by Joel Renfro with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (Division/DRMS) on August 5, 2025. Chris Eisenhard with 4406 Alaska LLC was present during the inspection. This inspection was conducted in response to a Surety Reduction request (SR-1) that was filed with the office on June 13, 2025. **Photos 1-6** taken during the inspection are included with this report.

This is a 112c operation permitted for 108 acres for the extraction of clay, gravel, and sand. The site is located approximately 9 miles south of Haxtun, CO in Phillips County. This site can be accessed from the south of Co Rd 16.

The operator had requested a reduction in the bond to reflect the cost to reclaim the site based on current conditions, as all required earthwork had reportedly been completed. It was observed during the inspection that all earthwork, including topsoil placement, had been completed in accordance with the approved reclamation plan. The mined slopes have been graded to at least 3H:1V or flatter. It was noted that the mining plan was not completed, with only two sections totaling about 11 acres of disturbance ever mined in the eastern portion of the permit boundary. The operator submitted a letter to the Division on August 27, 2025, affirming that all mining has been completed and the site is in final reclamation.

Given this information that all mining has been completed, the cost estimate was also adjusted to account for reclaiming the current 11 acres of disturbance. The Division finds that the earthwork has been successfully completed, and a surety reduction is warranted to cover the remaining reclamation activity of revegetation. All that appears to need to be done before the site is ready for final release is for vegetation to be established.

Based on the Division's recalculation of the cost estimate, it is estimated that the cost to reclaim the site is \$17,198. This cost includes revegetation, weed management, equipment mobilization, and indirect costs. A detailed breakdown of this estimate is enclosed with this report. The approval documentation with details on the next steps for this reduction process will be sent under a separate cover letter.

This concludes the report.

*Any questions or comments regarding this inspection report should be forwarded to Joel Renfro at the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, via telephone at (720) 812-2002, or email at joel.renfro@state.co.us.*

## **PHOTOGRAPHS**



**Photo 1.** Mined area that has been graded, looking northeast.



**Photo 2.** Access to mined area, looking north.





**Photo 3.** Graded pit floor located in the eastern permit area, looking northeast.



**Photo 4.** Slopes that have been graded to be steeper than 3H:1V, looking south.





**Photo 5.** Graded pit floor, looking west.



**Photo 6.** Graded edges of the pit floor, looking south.

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Encl: Surety Reduction Approval  
Reclamation Cost Estimate

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