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Robins Consolidated Pit M1991133- Inspection Report

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Good afternoon,

Attached to this email is a pdf of the Division's inspection report for the inspection conducted on April 23, 2025.

A hard copy will not be delivered unless requested. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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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: Robins Consolidated Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1991-133	MINERAL: Sand and Gravel	COUNTY: Conejos
INSPECTION TYPE: Preoperation Inspection	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: April 23, 2025	INSP. TIME: 08:00am
OPERATOR: Robins Construction, LLLP	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Randy Robins, Scott Johnson	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Pre-operation Inspection	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$45,563.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None	
INSPECTOR(S): Chris Girardi	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 26, 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>Y</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>N</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>N</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

OBSERVATIONS

The Robins Consolidated Pit was inspected on April 23, 2025, by Chris Girardi with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS) for a pre-operational inspection for the Amendment Application (AM-2). Randy Robins represented Robins Construction LLLP (Operator) during the inspection, as did Scott Johnson with Summit Engineering. The weather was clear.

The Robins Consolidated Pit, also known as the Valdez Pit, is a 112c sand and gravel operation with a permitted area of 45.85 acres. The site is located approximately 2 miles south of Antonito, CO. The San Antonio River meanders along the eastern boundary of the permit. A mine entrance sign was observed in accordance with Rule 3.1.12 (see Photo 1). The permit boundary is marked with a fence.

Access to the permit area is from a gate along County Road 13. Within the original permit area, the Operator is conducting excavation of the highwall on the northern side of the pit within the Phase I area in accordance with the approved mining plan. The highwall maintains side slopes close to a 3:1 horizontal to vertical configuration, and the pit floor was approximately thirty (30) feet in depth (see Photo 2). Minimal amount of erosion was observed along the pit slopes. No ponding or exposed groundwater was observed on the pit floor. Stockpiles of material were observed on the pit floor, as well as a portable crusher and screen plant. A topsoil berm approximately four (4) feet in height surrounds the pit in accordance with the approved mining plan. The Phase 1 area also contained a laydown area with several trailers, a track excavator, a wheel loader, and a portable crusher (see Photo 3).

A hot mix asphalt and concrete batch plant is operational in the southern portion of the permit as approved via Technical Revision (TR) 2 (see Photos 4 and 6). The batch plant area contains a sediment pond, which is sealed with clay embankments (see Photo 5). No erosion was observed along the embankments of the pond. The batch plant was active at the time of the inspection, with several haul trucks, loaders, and dozers being used. The Operator maintains a well permit under DWR Case No. 2 W-953, in which water is used for the batch plant operation. The permit does not allow for the exposure of groundwater via mining. After previous inspection reports indicated excess amounts of trash within the permit boundary, the site was in good condition during this inspection and contained no trash.

The AM-2 application was submitted by the Operator to increase the permit acreage from 68.35 acres to 114.2 acres and change the post-mine land use to rangeland. The expansion area is located to the southwest of the original permit area to the west of County Road 13. A notice sign for the amendment area was observed in accordance with Rule 1.6.2(1)(b). The Division inspected the proposed AM-2 area, which is divided into ten (10) new mining phase areas. T-posts were observed, denoting the locations of the corners of the AM-2 area (see Photo 7). Most of the expansion area is flat, undisturbed grasses, except for a small area with various equipment located adjacent to the El Coda Ditch in the Phase 2 area. The ditch was dry during the inspection and typically remains dry according to the Operator. Within Phase 8 of the expansion area, the Operator maintains an augmentation groundwater recharge pit (see Photo 9).

The Division issued its Notice of Decision Document on July 18, 2025, granting the approval of AM-2. During review of the AM-2 application, the Division revised the reclamation liability at the site and found it to be \$45,563. This is an increase of \$21,155.38 from the bond currently held. The Division is currently awaiting submittal of additional bond or a rider to the existing bond for this amount. This must occur before the Division can officially issue a final decision regarding the revision and the Operator can begin mining within the AM-2 expansion area.

Nathan Coombs with the Conejos Water Conservancy District was also briefly present for the inspection. The Water Conservancy District is in discussion with the Operator to purchase the pit and reclaim it into a lined reservoir. The Division noted that the post-mine land use would need to be changed from rangeland to developed water resources under another separate amendment application to the permit.

This concludes the Division's inspection report. Photographs taken during the inspection are attached. If you need additional information or have any questions, please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203, by telephone at (720) 793-3041, or by email at chris.girardi@state.co.us.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Mine entrance sign.



Photo 2: Primary working pit with material stockpiles and processing plant, facing northeast within the northern portion of the permit area.



Photo 3: Mining equipment within laydown area adjacent to the southwest of the primary working pit, facing south.



Photo 4: View of the batch plant and processing area within the southern portion of the permit area, facing north.



Photo 5: View of the sediment pond and clay embankments adjacent to the batch plant, facing east.



Photo 6: View of a stone crusher along the southern edge of the permit boundary, facing south. A vertical highwall exists along the southern permit boundary.



Photo 7: View of northeast boundary marker for the AM-2 area, facing southwest.



Photo 8: View of native grasses within the AM-2 expansion area, facing southwest.



Photo 9: View of the groundwater recharge pond within the southwest corner of the AM-2 expansion area.

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