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Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Department of Natural Resources

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: Higgins Pit II	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-2012-013	MINERAL: Borrow material for	COUNTY: Lincoln
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	WEATHER: Clear	INSP. DATE: September 17, 2025	INSP. TIME: 12:30
OPERATOR: Smithburg Family Partnership, LLLP	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete Bond	BOND AMOUNT: \$106,380.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
INSPECTOR(S): Ben Hammar	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: September 30, 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: Signs & Markers

PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION: Problem: The affected area boundary markers are missing or incorrectly placed. This is a problem for failure to maintain boundary markers around the affected area as required by Section 3.1.12(2) of the rule.

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS: The operator shall conduct a survey and replace the boundary markers in the correct location(s). The operator shall provide proof to the Division that this has been done by the corrective action date.

CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE: 11/29/25

OBSERVATIONS

This inspection was conducted by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (The Division) as part of the Division's regular monitoring program. The Higgins Pit II is located 2.5 miles north of Genoa, CO. This pit is a 112c operation currently permitted for 48.83 acres. At the time of inspection the weather was clear and the ground was dry.

As included in this report, an effort was taken to identify the location of the site's boundary markers, and only one could be found located at the northeast corner of the site. No other boundary markers have been identified and this has been cited as a problem within this report. Please provide photographic evidence and gps coordinates of the replacement markers. GPS data and the operator's provided annual report map was used later to verify that no outside disturbance has occurred at this site.

A topsoil berm was located near the northern site boundary, and appeared to be stable and seeded at the time of inspection. Mining appears to have occurred relatively recently, and product stockpiles were present in the center of the site. No reclamation is currently taking place, and no significant impact to the surrounding hydrologic balance was observed. No other issues were identified.

The current bond held for this site is \$106,380 and was last updated in 2019. Due to the length of time since the last bond update, this bond was reevaluated as part of this inspection. It was found that the currently held bond is sufficient to cover the cost of the reclamation described in the current reclamation plan, and so no bond increase will be pursued at this time.

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Enclosure

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1: Posted mine ID sign.



Photo 2: Observed boundary marker.



Photo 3: Topsoil berm facing east.



Photo 4: Primary pit floor, facing northwest.



Photo 5: Product stockpile and mining area facing north.

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

The following list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each

(AR) RECORDS----- <u>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>Y</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>NA</u>	(TS) TOPSOIL----- <u>Y</u>
(MP) GENL MINE PLAN COMPLIANCE- <u>Y</u>	(FW) FISH & WILDLIFE----- <u>NA</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>NA</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>NA</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