



## COLORADO

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.

<b>MINE NAME:</b> Hocker Gravel Pit	<b>MINE/PROSPECTING ID#:</b> M-2004-063	<b>MINERAL:</b> Sand and gravel	<b>COUNTY:</b> La Plata
<b>INSPECTION TYPE:</b> Monitoring	<b>WEATHER:</b> Clear	<b>INSP. DATE:</b> October 28, 2025	<b>INSP. TIME:</b> 11:00
<b>OPERATOR:</b> Hocker Construction, LLP	<b>OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE:</b> None	<b>TYPE OF OPERATION:</b> 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

<b>REASON FOR INSPECTION:</b> Normal I&E Program	<b>BOND CALCULATION TYPE:</b> None	<b>BOND AMOUNT:</b> \$34,606.00
<b>DATE OF COMPLAINT:</b> NA	<b>POST INSP. CONTACTS:</b> None	<b>JOINT INSP. AGENCY:</b> None
<b>INSPECTOR(S):</b> Dustin Czaplá	<b>INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE:</b> 	<b>SIGNATURE DATE:</b> November 5, 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:** Availability Of Records

**PROBLEM/POSSIBLE VIOLATION:** Problem: Rule 1.13.5 states, if an Operator temporarily ceases production of the mining operation for one hundred eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation in writing to the Office.

**CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:** The Division recommends the Operator file for Temporary Cessation. The start date of the initial 5-year Temporary Cessation period is retroactive to the last date the pit was active. If that date is more than 5 years ago, the operator is required to ask the Board for a 5-year extension to the Temporary Cessation period (per rule 1.13.5 (3) and 1.13.8 (b) or begin reclamation.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION DUE DATE:** 1/05/26

## **OBSERVATIONS**

This inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. A representative for the operator was not present. Photographs are included with this report to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Hocker Gravel Pit is located approximately 2.8 miles southeast of Ignacio and accessed from Hwy 151 at 37.115337°, -107.596252°, then from a private drive at 37.089174°, -107.593726°, or from CR 321 at 37.084477°, -107.595872°. The site is a 112c operation that includes a total of 81.7 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$34,606.00 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs to ensure the financial warranty reflects the actual current cost of fulfilling the requirements of the Reclamation Plan. The Operator will be notified under separate cover if the Division determines that the current financial warranty amount is insufficient.

Adequate mine identification signage was noted at the entrance to the site.

The affected area was marked by fencing that was clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

It did not appear that any mining activity had occurred at the site for quite some time. There was no mining or processing, sales or movement of stockpiled material observed during the inspection. There was no mining equipment observed on site. There were no personnel working on site. **Pursuant to Rule 1.13.5 (1), if the Operator plans to, or does, temporarily cease production of the mining operation for one hundred and eighty (180) days or more, the Operator must file a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division. The operator has not filed the Notice. This was noted as a problem at the beginning of this report.**

There is a vertical highwall on the east side of the Phase 1 / Phase 2 area, approximately 400 lineal feet and 25 feet high. Backfill material is stockpiled near the highwall for reclamation. Slopes in the Phase 3 area have been reduced and additional overburden material is available in this area for reclamation. Construction debris has been placed in the pit area for burial as approved by TR-01 in 2011. Overburden and topsoil stockpiles were located throughout the site. Several small piles of crushed gravel remain on site.

No stability or erosional concerns were noted. Mining at the site has not exposed groundwater. No problems related to stormwater or erosion control were noted. Overall, the operation appears to be in general compliance with the approved Mine Plan. There was no processing waste observed on site. The operation has not exposed acid or toxic forming materials. Fuels were not stored on site. Explosives are not used by the operation. Noxious weed infestations were not observed.

No other problems or violations were noted during this inspection.

Responses to this inspection report should be directed to Dustin Czapla at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Room 215, 1001 E 62<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Denver, CO 80216, phone number (970) 433-8393, [dustin.czapla@state.co.us](mailto:dustin.czapla@state.co.us).





Sign at site entrance



From NE corner of site, in Phase 2 area, facing south



From NE corner of site, in Phase 2 area, facing west



From north end of Phase 3 area, facing south



From north end of Phase 3 area, facing south



From north end of Phase 3 area, facing south





From south side of Phase 1 area, facing north



From south side of Phase 1 area, facing north



Construction debris approved for burial through TR1



Construction debris approved for burial through TR1



From south side of Phae 2 area, facing north



From south side of Phae 2 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>PB</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>Y</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>Y</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>NA</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</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>NA</u>	

Y = Inspected / N = Not inspected / NA = Not applicable to this operation / PB = Problem cited / PV = Possible violation cited

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