




COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
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: Midwestern Farms	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1993-059	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Prowers
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): T C. Wait	INSP. DATE: July 11, 2012	INSP. TIME: 09:10
OPERATOR: Midwestern Farms Resource dba Eastern Colo Aggregates	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Joe Baxter, Travis Hunter	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$718,752.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: July 23, 2012

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>Y</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>N</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>Y</u>	(SF) PROCESSING FACILITIES----- <u>Y</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>NA</u>	(SB) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>NA</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>N</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>N</u>	(OD) OFF-SITE DAMAGE----- <u>NA</u>	(ST) STIPULATIONS----- <u>NA</u>

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

OBSERVATIONS

This was a normal monitoring inspection conducted by TC Wait of DRMS. The mine operator representatives present were Mr. Joe Baxter and Mr. Travis Hunter. The site is located about 2 miles west of Holly. Post-mine land use for this site is cropland. The permit area is recorded as being approximately 1479 acres with 117 acres of disturbed area. The site is currently active and was accessed by vehicle.

At the time of the inspection, permit signs were in place. There did not appear to be any mine-related disturbance outside of the permit boundary area. Areas of tamarisk and weed growth were noted throughout the site, likely coming in from the Arkansas River corridor located south of the site.

The active mining area is pushing north into Phase 2 of the Mine plan. A large pile of overburden is located in the central part of the site, and topsoil is stockpiled and stable along the northern permit edges. The western portion of the site has been worked, graded, and currently has crops growing. The Operator believes this area has been released from the permit, but no records of that release were found in the DRMS file or permit system. The fishing pond in the southern part of the site currently contains a DOW sign and is being used as public fishing access. DRMS does not have record of release for this area on file or in the permit system.

Based on the conditions of the site at the time of the inspection, the western portion of the site is ready for release. If a formal release request is received by DRMS within 60 days of this inspection report, an additional release inspection by DRMS will not be required. The fishing pond will need improvements for bank stability and tamarisk control. The mine activity in the remainder of the site appears to be in compliance with DRMS regulations.

Gen. Compliance With Mine Plan:

The operator estimates the active area is about 120 acres, and dredging to a depth of 85 feet.

Reclamation Success:

According to the Operator, about 64 acres on the west side of the permit area have been reclaimed and released, and the fishing pond on the south side of the permit area has been turned over to DOW. The DRMS files do not have a record of any acreage release, so technically these areas are still part of the current permit and fall under reclamation and maintenance criteria.

Revegetation:

Noted areas of Tamarisk throughout the permit area. Tamarisk is prevalent beyond the permit boundary in the Arkansas River flood plain. A weed management plan should be implemented to manage the tamarisk and other weeds so that they do not become problematic.

PHOTOGRAPHS



Photo 1. Permit sign, looking southwest



Photo 2. Fishing pond and cropland area, looking north from southern boundary (Tamarisk areas in red).



Photo 3. Crusher area



Photo 4. Active dredge operations in Phase 2.

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Enclosure

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