




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: Whinnery Pit	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1998-055	COMMODITY: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Gunnison
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Dustin Czaplá	INSP. DATE: August 14, 2012	INSP. TIME: 12:00
OPERATOR: Helen Whinnery	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: Helen Whinnery	TYPE OF OPERATION: 110(c)	
REASON FOR INSPECTION: Monitoring	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: Complete	BOND AMOUNT: \$ 29,000.00	
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSPECTION AGENCY: None	
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: August 21, 2012	

GENERAL INSPECTION TOPICS

This list identifies the environmental and permit parameters inspected and gives a categorical evaluation of each. Note: 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>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>N</u>	(RV) REVEGETATION---- <u>N</u>
(SM) SIGNS AND MARKERS----- <u>Y</u>	(SP) STORM WATER MGT PLAN---- <u>N</u>	(SB) COMPLETE INSP---- <u>Y</u>
(ES) OVERBURDEN/DEV. WASTE----- <u>Y</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>Y</u>
(AT) ACID OR TOXIC MATERIALS----- <u>NA</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 inspection was conducted as part of the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety's (Division) normal monitoring program. An operator representative was not present during this inspection. Photographs are included with this report in order to illustrate some of the conditions observed.

The Whinnery Pit is located approximately 11 miles north of Lake City and accessed from Hwy 149 near mile marker 85. The site is a 110c operation that includes a total of 9.9 permitted acres. The Division currently holds a financial warranty amount of \$29,000.00 for this site. The Division will review the reclamation costs for this site in order 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 t-posts, rock cairns and fencing that were clearly visible and adequate to delineate the affected area boundary.

A scale and small scale house were located at the northeast rim of the pit.

No recent excavation activity was observed at the site. One small gravel stockpile was located at the northwest rim of the pit. Topsoil stockpiles were located at the west and east sides of the pit. The pit slopes had been left at approximately 2H:1V.

No 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, Grand Junction Field Office, 101 South 3rd Street, Room 301, Grand Junction, Colorado 81501, phone number (970) 243-6299.

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PHOTOGRAPHS



Figure 1: Mine ID sign located near site entrance from Hwy 149.



Figure 2: Scale and scale house located at northeast rim of pit.



Figure 3: View of pit, facing south.



Figure 4: View of pit, facing north.