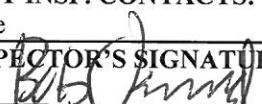




COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
MINERALS PROGRAM INSPECTION REPORT
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The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety has conducted an inspection of the mining operation noted below. This report documents observations concerning compliance with the terms of the permit and applicable rules and regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

MINE NAME: Spring Creek Pass	MINE/PROSPECTING ID#: M-1996-007	MINERAL: Sand and gravel	COUNTY: Hinsdale
INSPECTION TYPE: Monitoring	INSPECTOR(S): Bob Oswald	INSP. DATE: June 6, 2013	INSP. TIME: 14:30
OPERATOR: Colorado Department of Transportation	OPERATOR REPRESENTATIVE: None	TYPE OF OPERATION: 112c - Construction Regular Operation	

REASON FOR INSPECTION: Normal I&E Program	BOND CALCULATION TYPE: None	BOND AMOUNT: \$0.00
DATE OF COMPLAINT: NA	POST INSP. CONTACTS: None	JOINT INSP. AGENCY: None
WEATHER: Clear	INSPECTOR'S SIGNATURE: 	SIGNATURE DATE: June 17, 2013

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>NA</u>	(FN) FINANCIAL WARRANTY----- <u>NA</u>	(RD) ROADS----- <u>Y</u>
(HB) HYDROLOGIC BALANCE----- <u>Y</u>	(BG) BACKFILL & GRADING----- <u>NA</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>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>NA</u>	(SC) EROSION/SEDIMENTATION--- <u>Y</u>	(RS) RECL PLAN/COMP-- <u>NA</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 was a routine inspection performed by the Division as part of its monitoring of Construction Materials 112c permits. The operator was not present during the inspection. The entrance gate near the highway was unlocked, and a contractor's fleet of highway paving equipment and support vehicles was parked on the level area below the gravel pit. The required permit ID sign was posted at the entrance gate, and the permit boundary markers (steel T-posts) were observed at the corners.

The permitted gravel pit was not active at the time of the inspection, and there was no equipment in the pit. The conditions observed at the permit appeared to be similar to those observed at the last inspection (2009). The site is regularly active and the operator maintains a variety of stockpiled materials in the pit. There is no debris or junk in the permit. The operator does not store fuel or other hydrocarbons in the permit, and no contaminants were observed. There are no noxious weeds.

The materials being excavated are fairly erodible, but the operator has installed and maintained adequate stormwater controls. One area that could be improved is the section of haul road between the lower sediment catchment and the upper level where the pit is located. It is somewhat rutted but all sediment reports to the catchment. This is not noted as a problem.

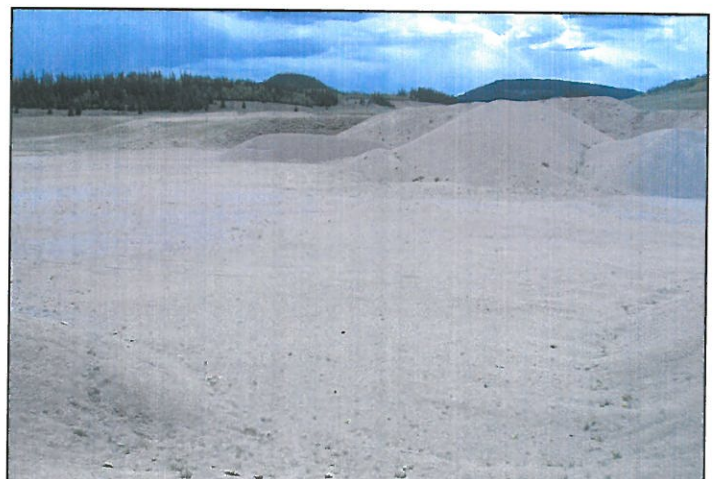
The topsoil stockpiles along the western side of the pit are protected from other permit area disturbance and are vegetated to reduce erosion. Pit slopes vary from 3:1 to about 1.5:1, and most of them are becoming revegetated. The operator has not initiated reclamation anywhere onsite.

This is an orderly and clean operation. No problems were observed.

For questions related to this report, please contact this inspector at the Division's Durango Field Office: DRMS - Durango Field Office, 691 CR 233, Room A-2, Durango, CO 81301. (Telephone 970-247-5193)

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