

# Final Reclamation Inspection

September 5, 2018

Operator: TOP OPERATING COMPANY - 39560

API: 05-123-08731

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Weld County, CO

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Google Earth aerial imagery taken October 6, 2014. Photo illustrates equipment had not been removed per Rule 1004.a. and remained 15 months after plugging and abandonment. Operator did respond to previous corrective actions to remove all equipment.

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Google Earth aerial imagery taken June 9, 2017. Aerial imagery shows disturbance areas do not meet vegetative standards, even though the Operator submitted a Final Reclamation Complete Notice on January 28, 2016.

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**Photo 1.** Photo taken from the approximate center of location on July 30, 2018, facing North. Disturbance areas are evident with the lack of perennial vegetative growth and bare soil. Vegetative cover is not uniform or reflective of reference area vegetative growth. Does not appear the Operator has removed gravel from the location.

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**Photo 2.** Photo taken from the approximate center of location on September 5, 2018, facing East. Surface owner has recently cultivated the ~30 acre parcel, including this P&A location. This photo illustrates the Operator has failed to remove gravel as large rock fragments and concrete material were observed.



**Photo 3.** Photo taken from the approximate center of location on September 5, 2018. This photo illustrates the Operator has failed to remove gravel as large rock fragments were observed.



**Photo 4.** Reference photo taken west of the location, facing West. Photo illustrates little to no rock fragments of similar size or density were observed in reference areas. This indicates the Operator failed to remove gravel and perform compaction alleviation.

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**Photo 5.** Reference photo taken west of the location. See comments under Photo 4.