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SURFACE WATER PROTECTION (SWP) - INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name (PLACE): January Adit (Norton Mine)	Inspection ID: 402717		
Facility Type: Mining (Sector G – Metal Mining)	Type of Inspection: AZPDES Stormwater Multi Sector Mining		
Permit Number (LTF): 81380	Compliance Inspection	(🖂 Checked if Announced)	
Alternative Permit ID: AZMS 81380	Complaint Inspection - C	Complaint ID:	
County: Santa Cruz	□ Follow-Up Inspection:		
Physical Location: 749 Harshaw Rd	Lead Inspector (Author): S	teven Saeed	
City, State, Zip: Patagonia, AZ 85624	Inspector Email: saeed.ste	ven@azdeq.gov	
Mailing Address: 2210 E Fort Lowell Rd	Inspector Phone: (520) 62	8-6743	
City, State, Zip: Tucson, AZ 85719	Additional Inspectors: nor	ne	
Permittee (CUSTOMER): Arizona Minerals, Inc.	Inspection Date: 7/21/202	2	
Address: 2210 E Fort Lowell Rd, Tucson, AZ 85719	Weather: Sunny		
Phone:	Start Time: 9:00 AM		
Email:	End Time: 10:00 AM		
Results of Inspection:			
$oxed{intermat}$ No deficiencies were noted during the inspection. No ADEQ action	will result from this inspection		
\square Potential deficiencies noted during the inspection. Additional corre	spondence regarding this inspe	ection may be coming from ADEQ.	
\square Follow-up action is needed; please submit the requested document	ation, which is detailed on the	:	
Inspection Report Delivery Method: email from ADEQ office	Facility Initials:	ADEQ Initials:	
Inspection Report Issued Date: 8/5/2022	Facility Initials.	ADEQ IIIItiais.	
Attachment(s):			
Notice of Inspection Rights			
Small Business Bill of Rights			
Program Checklist(s)			

Attendee Name	Title (include license#)	Company/Agency	Opening	Inspection	Debrief
Brent Musslewhite	Director, Environment & Permitting	Arizona Minerals, Inc.	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Kara Haas	Principal Environment	South 32	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	\boxtimes
Matt Owens	Environmental Specialist	Arizona Minerals, Inc,	\boxtimes	\boxtimes	

Introduction

This inspection was an incident-response inspection at the January Adit (Norton Mine), also known as Hermosa Project, regarding a report of a spill of drilling fluid to the Harshaw Creek. The spill was discovered in the early morning hours of July 19, 2022. During a shift change, some employees observed water on a road crossing. This sparked an investigation which lead them to discover that drilling fluid was daylighting through coarse material. The facility immediately stopped drilling, installed filter socks, and initiated clean-up of the deposited solids from the drilling fluid. There is a tributary near the drilling site which conveyed the drilling fluid to Harshaw Creek. It's estimated that approximately 10,000 gallons of drilling fluid was discharged to Harshaw Creek. This inspection was conducted virtually.

Facility/Site Description/Treatment Process?

This site is covered under the AZPDES Stormwater 2019 Multi Sector General Permit (MSGP) Mining (AZMSG2019-002). The primary industrial activity for this industrial facility is Sector G – Metal Mining (Ore Mining & Dressing). The Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes for this facility are 1031 – Lead and Zinc Ores, and 1044 – Silver Ores, which makes the subsector for this facility G2. The area associated with the primary and co-located industrial activity is approximately 300. This facility does not discharge to a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). This facility has potential to discharge to an impaired water. The nearest receiving surface water is the Harshaw Creek.

Opening Conference

Since this inspection was virtual, I received a signature on the Notice of Inspection Rights virtually via Adobe Sign from Mr. Musslewhite. This inspection was a focused inspection due to the spill. Documentation was not reviewed as a part of this inspection.

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Closing Conference

After the field observations, we held the inspection closing conference. I gave the on-site representatives my evaluation of what was observed.

Observations		
Permit Related Documents Revie	wed Before/During Inspection	
AZPDES Permit	□ Fact Sheet	Operator Certs
□ SWPPP/SWMP	Previous ADEQ Inspection Reports	□ Sampling Records
□ Training Records	□ Visual Inspections	□ Other:
Field Observations		

Field Observations

Clean-up efforts were initiated by the responsible party on July 19, 2022. This included crews manually removing the sediment deposited along the tributary and Harhaw Creek from the drilling fluid. Filter socks installed along the tributary to Harshaw Creek as well as at the confluence of the tributary and Harshaw Creek. Filter socks also installed along Harshaw Creek.

Comments and Potential Deficiencies (Areas of Concern)

Comments

Ensure Correct Action Report submitted by August 18, 2022



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MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT (MSGP) - FIELD INSPECTION REPORT

Site Name: January Adit (Norton Min	ton Mine) Permit #: AZMS81380			Inspection ID: 402717	
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PRE-INSPECTION		C: Compliant N	IC: Non-Compliant	Comme	ents
Sector Code: G - Metal Mining (Ore Mining and Dressing) Facilities	Sub-Se	Sub-Sector Code: G2 (SIC 1031)		Co-l	Located Sub-Sector(s): G2 (SIC 1044)
Sector Specific Checklist(s) Included:	🛛 Yes 🗆] N/A	Sector specific	monitoriı	ng and reporting required (8.A-8.AD):
Is the site an inactive and unstaffed si	te?	🗆 Yes 🛛 No 🗆 N/A			
If yes, is the exemption statement maintained with the SWPPP? (1.6/4.2	.3.4)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A			
Is the information on the Notice of In (NOI) accurate? (1.3.1.2)	tent	⊠ c □	NC 🗆 N/A		
Does the site have the potential to discharge to a Municipal Separate Sto Sewer System (MS4)? (1.3.1.1.e)	rm	□ Yes ⊠ No □ N/A			rerify MS4 identified in Section E of NOI and the receiving surface water is identified.
Nearest receiving surface water body Distance:	: Harsha	w Creek			

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND WATER QUALITY STANDARDS (2.1.1)		Comments
Does the site discharge to an Impaired Water? (2.1.1.1.b)	🛛 Yes 🗆 No 🗆 N/A	
If yes, does the site have a monitoring program as outlined in Section 6.2.3 of the permit? (2.1.1.1.b)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	Not reviewed

CONTROL MEASURES (SWPPP and SITE INSPECTION) (2.2.1)		Comments
Is exposure minimized in areas of manufacturing, processing, and material storage? (2.2.1.2.1)	🖾 C 🗆 NC 🗆 N/A	
Is good housekeeping applied (2.2.1.2.2)	\boxtimes C \square NC \square N/A	
Are inspections, maintenance, and repair of industrial equipment systems conducted? (2.2.1.2.3)	□ C □ NC 🛛 N/A	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.
Is the site implementing the spill prevention and response procedures as identified in the SWPPP? (2.2.1.2.4)	⊠ C □ NC □ N/A	
Is on-site erosion and sedimentation being managed? (2.2.1.2.5)	🖾 C 🗆 NC 🗆 N/A	
Is run-off being managed to minimize the discharge of pollutants? (2.2.1.2.6)	🖾 C 🗆 NC 🗆 N/A	
Are piles of salt or piles containing salt used for deicing or other commercial or industrial purposes enclosed or covered? (2.2.1.2.7)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Is the permittee conducting annual training as required by the permit? (2.2.1.2.8)	\Box C \Box NC \boxtimes N/A	

Is generation of dust and off-site tracking of
raw, final, or waste material minimized?
(2.2.1.2.10)

 \Box C \Box NC \boxtimes N/A

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS (3.0)		Comments
Were there any conditions that would trigger a corrective action in the current reporting year? (3.1.1)	🛛 Yes 🗌 No 🗌 N/A	
Date(s)	Volume Discharged (gals)	Contaminant(s)
19-Jul-22	~10,000	Drilling Fluid: bentonite
If yes, were the discovery of the conditions documented within 72 hours of discovery	🛛 Yes 🗆 No 🗆 N/A	
The corrective action(s) were documented within 14 calendar days? (3.2)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A	Inspection was conducted 48 hours after discovery
If yes, did the corrective action report include the appropriate information?	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A	
If yes, describe the type of corrective action: (3.2)		
Was a Corrective Action Report Form submitted to ADEQ within 30 days of discovery including all the above? (3.2)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	Correct Action Report due August 18, 2022

ROUTINE INSPECTIONS (4.1)		Comments
Routine Inspections conducted at least quarterly (4.1)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A	Date of most recent Inspection:
One Routine Inspection per year performed during rain event (4.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	Date of rain event:
Inspections conducted by SWPPP designated inspectors (4.1)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	
Was the inspection documentation available for review? (4.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.
Routine Inspection checklist includes all the following required elements (4.1.1):	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A	

□ The inspection date and time

The name(s) and signature(s) of the inspector(s)
 Weather information and a description of any

discharges occurring at the time of inspection

 \Box Any control measures needing maintenance or repairs

 $\hfill\square$ Any failed control measures that need replacement

 \square Any other evidence of deviations from the permit or SWPPP observed

□ Evidence demonstrating that previously unidentified discharges of pollutants have occurred from the site □ Any ad

 $\hfill\square$ Any additional control measures needed to comply with the permit requirements

VISUAL ASSESSMENTS (4.2)		Comments
Visual assessments performed and/or exceptions documented (4.2)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Was visual assessment documentation available for review? (4.2.2)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.
1 st visual assessment performed Summer Wet Season (June 1 – October 31)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	Date of Inspection:
2 nd visual assessment performed Summer Wet Season (June 1 – October 31)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	Date of Inspection:
1 st visual assessment performed Winter Wet Season (November 1 – May 31)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	Date of Inspection:
2 nd visual assessment performed Winter Wet Season (November 1 – May 31)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	Date of Inspection:
Visual assessments performed following all required procedures (4.2.1)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	

Visual sample documentation includes all the following required elements (4.2.2)	\Box C \Box NC \boxtimes N/A				
□ Sample locations □ Nature of th □ Sample collection date and times for each sample □ Results of th □ Visual assessment date and time for each sample □ Probable so		re of the stormwater discharge Its of the observations of the stormwater discharge able sources of any observed stormwater contamination plicable, reason why it was not possible to take sample within the minutes.			
STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP) (5.0)		Comments			
SWPPP available for inspection (5.4)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.			
SWPPP contains at least the following (5.1):		Comments			

Description of the industrial activities at the site (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A		
General location map (5.1.1)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A		
A legible site map completed to scale that ide following elements: (5.1.2)	ntifies at a minimum	the	\Box C \Box NC \boxtimes N/A
 Location and extent of significant structure surfaces Directions of stormwater flow Locations of stormwater conveyances Locations of existing structural control me Locations of surface waters receiving the s any impaired waters within 2.5 miles downstr Locations where the site's stormwater disc regulated MS4 Locations of potential pollutant sources id 5.1.3.2 of the permit Locations of all stormwater monitoring po Locations of stormwater inlets and outfalls identification of "substantially identical" or substantially identical" or substantially identical 	asures ite's discharges and ream of site charges to a entified under part dentified under ints s, with a unique	□ Ident allowabl and the □ Locat potentia • Fu • Ve • Lo • Lo • Lic • Pr • Ac ma us • Tr. • M. □ Locat	eximate areas draining to each outfall ification of all outfalls having the potential to contain e non-stormwater discharges under Part 1.1.3 of the permit corresponding type(s) of discharges ion of on-site drywell(s) and their registration numbers ions of the following activities exposed to stormwater with a l to discharge: eling stations hicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas ading and unloading areas cations used for the treatment/storage/disposal of wastes juid storage tanks occessing and storage areas cess roads and rail lines used to transport raw aterials/manufactured products/waste material/by-products ed or created at the site ansfer areas for substances in bulk achinery ions of sources of run-on to the site from adjacent r(s) that contain significant quantities of pollutants

Potential pollution sources listed (5.1.1)	\Box C \Box NC \boxtimes N/A	
Location and type of control measures implemented at the site. (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Maintenance measures, procedures, and schedules for all industrial equipment and systems exposed to stormwater (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Documented procedures for preventing and responding to spills and leaks (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Training for Sector specific requirements (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Documented procedures for conducting Visual Assessments (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Documented procedures for conducting inspections (5.1.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	

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	$\Box C \Box NC \boxtimes N/A$

MONITORING AND REPORTING (6.0 and 7.0)		Comments		
Select all required analytical monitoring (6.1.1)	 None required General Analytical monitori Routine Analytical monitorii Effluent Limitation monitorii Impaired Waters monitorin ADEQ Additional monitoring 	ng (non-mining) ng g	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.	
Are exceptions or exemptions to analytical monitoring reported? (6.4)	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A			
Are the correct parameters being measured?	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A			
Any exceedances of numeric effluent limits (action levels) or water quality standards?	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A			
If yes, were exceedance reports submitted to ADEQ?	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A			
If yes, was monitoring continued at least twice per wet season until the discharge was in compliance or ADEQ waived the monitoring requirement?	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A			
Sampling and Analysis Plan contains the following (6.1.5): Designate and train personnel to collect, maintain, and handle samples Identify water quality parameters/pollutants to be sampled		This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.		
Written procedures for: Sample collection	acking ndling	This was a focuse reviewed.	ed inspection. Documentation was not	

Are all monitoring instruments and equipment calibrated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's recommendation? (6.1.5)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Except for field parameters, are all samples analyzed by a laboratory licensed with ADHS? (6.1.5)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Were any Control Measure Assessment Reports submitted within 30 days of an actionable sample? (6.2.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
If any samples exceeded an ELG, has Accelerated Monitoring been implemented? (6.3)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Electronic Discharge Monitoring Reports (e-DMR) submitted within 30 days of receiving the laboratory analytical data (if required) (7.1.3)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
If there is no sampling data for the reporting period, e-DMR submitted no later than (6.5/6.4.5): • Winter Wet Season: June 30 • Summer Wet Season: November 30	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
All inspections, monitoring, and certification records retained with the SWPPP (7.3/7.4)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	

SITE INSPECTION		Comments
Were any discharges or evidence of discharges observed? If yes, describe in comments.	Non-stormwater	Discharge of drilling fluid to Harshaw Creek
Control measures consist of what was identified in the SWPPP?	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🛛 N/A	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.
Control measures are effective?	🛛 C 🗆 NC 🗆 N/A	
Spill response equipment available?	🛛 C 🗆 NC 🗆 N/A	
Maintenance, procedures, and schedules are conducted as written in the SWPPP?	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖾 N/A	This was a focused inspection. Documentation was not reviewed.



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MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT (MSGP) MINING FACILITIES Field Inspection Addendum – Sector G Metal Mining (Ore Mining and Dressing) Facilities

Site Name: January Adit (Norton Mine)	Permit #: AZMS81380	Inspection ID: 402717
Sector G Metal Mines – Active/Inactive Mining Pha	se	
Additional Control Measures (8.G.5) C:	Compliant NC: Non-Compliant	Comments
Describe Discharge.	Non-stormwater	Drilling fluid
Has permittee evaluated whether some or all additional stormwater controls identified in Section 8.G.5.1 are necessary in order to meet the requirements of Section 2.1 and implemented if necessary?	⊠ C □ NC □ N/A	

Additional SWPPP Requirements (8.G.6)		Comments
Does the SWPPP document mining and associated activities that can potentially affect stormwater discharges? (8.G.6.1)	□ C □ NC ⊠ N/A	
Does the Site Map include the following (8.G.6.2):		
Location of the site relative to major transportation routes and communities		
□ Site boundaries of co-located facilities		
Temporary control measures used during exploration and/or construction		
□ Access and haul roads	🗆 C 🗆 NC 🖂 N/A	
□ Location of mine drainage, dewatering or other process water		
Outline of drainage areas and or each stormwater outfalls with indication of types of discharges into the drainage area.		
□ Boundary of areas that contribute to discharges subject to effluent limitation guidelines.		

Locations of any of the following if they are located such that they will contribute to a discharge from a stormwater outfall:

□ Mining or milling site boundaries; immediate access roads and haul roads;

□ Overburden, materials, soils, or waste storage areas;

 $\hfill\square$ Outdoor equipment storage, fueling, and maintenance areas;

□ Material handling areas;

□ Outdoor manufacturing, outdoor storage, and material disposal areas;

□ Outdoor chemical and explosive storage areas;

□ Reclaimed areas

General Analytical Moni	toring for Active Copp	er Mining/Dressing (8.0	i.8.1)		Comments	
If required, has the site c appropriate Routine Ana accordance with Table 8.	lytical Monitoring in] N/A			
		Table 8.	G-8.1			
	(Site dischar requiremen	Subsector ges may be subject its for more than on or/subsector)			Parameter	
	Subsector G1. Ac Dressing Facilities (SIC 1021)	tive Copper Ore Minir	ng and	To	tal Suspended Solids (TSS) Copper	
Monitoring Req's for Wa		dan Dilas (Activo sitas)			Copper	
If required, has the site c appropriate Routine Ana accordance with Table 8.	lytical Monitoring in		N/A			
		Table 8.0	G-8.2			
	(Discharges m requirements f	sector ay be subject to or more than one ubsector)		F	Parameter	
	Subsector G2. Iron Lead and Zinc Ores;		Total S	Susp	ended Solids (TSS) Turbidity	
	and Miscellaneous M (SIC Codes 1011, 10 1044, 1061, 1081, 11	Netal Ores 021, 1031, 1041,	Hardness	s (as	pH CaCO₃; calc. from Ca, Mg) ¹	
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					elenium, total otal & dissolved ¹	

Monitoring Req's for Waste	q's for Waste Rock and Overburden Piles (Active sites) (8.G.8.2.2) Comments					
ppropriate Routine Analyti	required, has the site conducted the ppropriate Routine Analytical Monitoring in □ C □ NC ⊠ N/A ccordance with Table 8.G-8.3?					
		Table 8.G-8.3				
	(Discharges) requirements	bsector may be subject to for more than one /subsector)		Parameter		
				рН		
Le	Lead and Zinc Ores (SIC Code 1031)		Lead, total & dissolved ¹			
			Zinc	c, total & dissolved ¹		
				pН		
Go	Gold and Silver Ores (SIC 1041 and 1044)			Cyanide (free)		
			Silver total & dissolved 1			
Fe	erroalloy Ores, Exce	ept Vanadium (SIC Code		рН		
10	061)			Manganese		
		Radium Ore Mining (SIC	Radiu	m, total and dissolved		
Co	ode 1094)			Uranium		
17	These metals are ha	ardness-dependent and requ	uire samp	ling for water hardness.		