MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

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Mining Program
Minerals, Oil & Gas Division
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Surface Mine Inspection Field Report

Mine Inspector: Alex Eiler
Permittee: Percontee Inc.
Site Name: McCeney Pit
Address of the Site: FDA Boulevard, Silver Spring, MD 20904
County: Montgomery
Contact Person: Joe Horton, Felix Andrew

APPROVED: RB
DATE: 4/15/25

Permit Number: 93-SP-0430 **Expiration Date:** 09/30/2027
SCD Approval Expiration Date: 11/19/27
NPDES Number: MDG499863

Inspection Date: 04/03/2025
Type of Inspection: Periodic
Site Status: Active
Site Condition: Compliant

Approved Permit Acreage: 144.0
Estimated Open Acres: ≈ 50

SITE EVALUATION

Notes: The site is currently permitted for 144 acres to mine topsoil, sand, and clay on an as needed basis but mining has not occurred in several years. The site was historically mined pre-law around 1950-1970 but was only permitted by MDE in 1993 to mine the small amount of material that was left, process recycled concrete/asphalt, stockpile material, and eventually reclaim the entire site for development. A concrete plant leases a portion of the site for production but the majority of the permitted area is vegetated and stabilized aside from stockpiles and haul roads. A large stockpile of material at the east end of the site along Cherry Hill Road is sold as product by the permittee. The screening plants have been removed. There are 5 sediment basins on site that are covered by an NPDES permit but no discharge has occurred this quarter. Sediment Basin No. 4 has been removed. Sediment Basin No. 1 was not accessible at the time of inspection but does not appear to be holding water on aerial imagery. There are also several sediment traps on site. An unnamed tributary of the Paint Branch passes through the site and the stream crossing was well maintained. Mass grading of the site is expected to begin in the Summer of 2025, and updated plans have been submitted to Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services for approval. Once fully reclaimed the mining permit will be released and the site will be turned over to Montgomery County. No issues or environmental concerns were documented during this inspection.

MINING PLAN AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS	Yes	No	N/A
1. Was the permittee actively mining during the inspection?	☐	☒	☐
2. Does there appear to have been any activity since the last inspection?	☐	☒	☐
3. Was the permittee timbering, grubbing, or stripping overburden?	☐	☒	☐
4. Was the permittee loading dump trucks to leave the site?	☐	☒	☐
5. Is topsoil stockpiled within permit limits?	☒	☐	☐
6. Is overburden stockpiled within permit limits?	☒	☐	☐
7. Are all disturbances within the approved permit limits?	☒	☐	☐
8. Is the disturbed acreage allowance being maintained?	☒	☐	☐
9. Are the approved permit limits marked or clearly identifiable?	☒	☐	☐
10. Are the necessary sediment controls in place ahead of mining?	☒	☐	☐
11. Are the sediment controls functioning properly?	☒	☐	☐
12. Do the sediment controls require maintenance?	☐	☒	☐
13. Are haul roads being maintained?	☒	☐	☐
14. Are measures being taken to control mud and dust?	☒	☐	☐
15. Was mud tracking noted during the inspection?	☐	☒	☐
16. Was dust emissions noted during the inspection?	☐	☒	☐
17. Is a wash plant within the permit limits?	☐	☒	☐
18. Wash plant active at the time of inspection?	☐	☐	☒
19. Are the wash ponds being maintained and cleaned out?	☐	☐	☒
20. Are the wash fines being utilized as backfill for reclamation?	☐	☐	☒
21. Is a dry screening plant within the permit limits?	☐	☒	☐
22. Dry screening plant active at the time of inspection?	☐	☐	☒

BLASTING	Yes	No	N/A
23. Is blasting approved at the site?	☐	☒	☐
24. Is a seismograph being utilized?	☐	☐	☒
25. Have blasting records been reviewed?	☐	☐	☒
26. Is the Air Blast within approved limits?	☐	☐	☒
27. Is the Ground Vibration within approved limits?	☐	☐	☒

RECLAMATION	Yes	No	N/A
28. Are reclamation activities taking place during the inspection?	☐	☒	☐
29. Is the approved reclamation plan being followed?	☒	☐	☐
30. Is reclamation concurrent with the mining operation?	☐	☐	☒
31. Is additional reclamation required onsite prior to release?	☒	☐	☐
32. Is overburden being utilized in the reclamation?	☒	☐	☐
33. Is topsoil being utilized in the reclamation?	☒	☐	☐
34. Is the vegetation sufficient on reclaimed areas?	☒	☐	☐
35. Are rills, rivulets, or erosion evident on reclaimed areas?	☐	☒	☐
36. Is the site permitted to accept fill for reclamation purposes?	☐	☒	☐

37. Were fill records reviewed as part of the inspection?	☐	☐	☒

DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT	Yes	No	N/A
38. Discharge monitoring reports submitted?	☒	☐	☐
39. Any non-complying discharges since last inspection?	☐	☒	☐
40. Regulatory agency notified of noncompliance?	☐	☐	☒
41. Were discharges observed at the authorized outfalls?	☐	☒	☐
42. Were any unauthorized discharges observed?	☐	☒	☐
43. Number and location of discharge points are as described in permit?	☒	☐	☐
44. Locations adequate for representative samples?	☒	☐	☐
45. Is this facility required to have a storm water P2 plan?	☒	☐	☐

MISCELLANEOUS	Yes	No	N/A
46. Is there a Water Appropriation permit for the site?	☒	☐	☐
47. Is the wetland and waterway crossing(s) being maintained?	☒	☐	☐

PHOTOS

Figure 1: Google Earth™ Aerial Photo.

Figure 6: Sediment Basin No. 6.

Figure 7: Sediment Basin No. 2.

Figure 8: Site overview facing north.

Figure 9: Sediment Basin No. 5.

Figure 14: Sediment trap south side of FDA Blvd.

Figure 15: Sediment Basin No. 3.

Figure 16: South site overview facing west.

Figure 17: South site overview facing north.

Figure 10: Recycled concrete stockpile.

Figure 11: Overview facing north. Concrete plant in view.

Figure 12: Waste material to be removed before reclamation.

Figure 13: Site overview facing Southeast toward FDA Blvd.

Figure 2: Product stockpile along Cherry Hill Road.

Figure 3: Sediment Trap along FDA Blvd.

Figure 4: Unnamed tributary of the Paint Branch and floodplain.

Figure 5: Double culvert stream crossing.