

# WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD Meeting on October 7, 2020

Floyd Matthew Training Center Joe Foss Bldg., 523 E Capitol Ave, Pierre SD

Due to COVID-19 and limited seating, any person(s) interested in speaking during the public comment period needs to contact the Department at (605) 773-3352 no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, if desiring to speak via remote connection.

Scheduled times are based on Central Time and are estimated start times. Agenda items may be delayed due to prior scheduled items. Live audio of the meeting is available at <u>https://www.sd.net</u>

# October 7, 2020

10:00 AM Call to Order

Adopt Final Agenda Conflicts Disclosures and Requests for State Board Waivers Adopt July 8 - 9, 2020, Board Minutes December 2 - 3, 2020 Meeting and Location Status and Review of Water Rights Litigation Administer Oath to Department of Environment and Natural Resources Staff

Update on DENR Activities

Public comment period in accordance with SDCL 1-25-1

Request to Amend Rules – Kelli Buscher and Pat Snyder

- Article 74:52 Surface Water Discharge Permits
- Article 74:51 Surface Water Quality

Cancellation Considerations – Ron Duvall

Future Use Reviews - Ron Duvall

- 10:15 AM Motions concerning Renewal of Ground Water Discharge Plan GWD 1-88, Wharf Resources' (USA), Inc. Ross Valley Waste Depository Steven Blair
- 10:30 AM Five-year Review of Fully Appropriated Aquifers John Farmer and Eric Gronlund
  - Tulare East James aquifer
  - Tulare Western Spink Hitchcock aquifer
- 11:00 AM Water Permit Application No. 8413-3, Ratio LLC Timothy Magstadt

# LUNCH

# WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD Meeting on October 7, 2020

1:00 PM Water Permit Application No. 8433-3, City of Lake Norden – Adam Mathiowetz

Consider Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Final Decision in the matters of:

- Water Permit Application No. 8409-3, Schley Farms & Schley Real Estate LLP
- Water Permit Application No. 2805-2, R & J LLC
- Water Permit Application No. 1992-1, Town of Buffalo

# ADJOURN

Board members are reminded they are subject to SDCL 3–23-1 to 3-23-5 (Disclosure Laws) which address the disclosure of any conflicts of interest a member may have regarding contracts with the State of South Dakota. Board members should report any potential conflicts to the board and seek a waiver where appropriate.

Notice is given to individuals with disabilities that this meeting is being held in a physically accessible location. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at (605) 773-3352 at least 48 hours before the meeting if you have a disability for which special arrangement must be made.

# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA



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September 28, 2020

Hon. Hunter Roberts Secretary, Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

Ron Duvall Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Matter of Groundwater Discharge Plan Renewal and Water Quality Variance Review of Wharf Resource's Ross Valley Spent Ore Facility

Dear Sec. Roberts and Mr. Duvall:

Enclosed with this letter is a Notice of Hearing to be filed in the above referenced proceedings pending before both the Secretary and the Water Management Board. True and correct copies have been served on those individuals listed in the attached Certificate of Service and courtesy copies have also been sent to the parties via electronic mail.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorneys General

Enclosures Cc/encl:

Julie Santella – Petitioner Tonia Stands – Petitioner Max Main – Counsel Wharf Resources (USA), Inc. David McVey – Counsel Water Management Board Kim McIntosh – Groundwater Quality Program (via e-mail only) Jeffery Tronvold – Deputy Attorney General (via e-mail only)

# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BEFORE THE WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD & OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

IN THE MATTER OF GROUND WATER	)	NOTICE OF HEARING
DISCHARGE PLAN RENEWAL &	)	
WATER QUALITY VARIANCE	)	
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RESOURCES' ROSS VALLEY SPENT	)	
ORE FACILITY	)	

The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) received a renewal application for an existing Ground Water Discharge Plan for Wharf Resources' (USA), Inc. Ross Valley Waste Depository at their mining facility in Lawrence County, South Dakota. The legal location of the operation is portions of Section 3 and 4 of T4N-R2E, and portions of Sections 33 and 34 of T5N-R2E; approximately 3 miles west of Lead, South Dakota. The Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal consists of a ground water quality variance and a ground water discharge permit.

In response to the Notice of Recommendation of Renewal of the ground water discharge plan published in the Black Hills Pioneer on August 1, 2020, petitions in opposition were filed. This notice schedules a hearing before the South Dakota Water Management Board for the Board to consider a Motion to Dismiss Petitions for Contested Case; a Motion to Stay Time to File Answer; and a Motion to Appoint Hearing Chair. The Board may consider these motions in the order decided by the Board.

The Water Management Board will consider these motions at 10:15 AM, Central Time, on Wednesday, October 7, 2020, in the Floyd Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre SD. The agenda time is an estimate and may be delayed due to prior items on the agenda. Since these motions address pre-hearing matters, any recipient of this notice may participate via remote connection rather than attending in person. To participate remotely, please contact Ron Duvall, Water Rights Program, at 605.773.3352 or by email at ron.duvall@state.sd.us no later than 5:00 PM on October 6, 2020. The Water Management Board has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to SDCL 34A-2-24 and address the motions pursuant to provisions found in ARSD Chapter 74:50:02.

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Dated this 28th day of September, 2020.

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General Jeffery Tronvold Deputy Attorney General 1302 E. Highway 14, Suite 1 Pierre, South Dakota 57501 (605) 773-3215 <u>steven.blair@state.sd.us</u> jeffery.tronvold@state.sd.us

Counsel for Department of Environment and Natural Resources

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Groundwater Quality Program's NOTICE OF HEARING filed in the above captioned matter was submitted via United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid upon:

Hon. Hunter Roberts Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 <u>denrinternet@state.sd.us</u> Secretary – DENR

Ron Duvall Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 <u>ron.duvall@state.sd.us</u> Staff – Water Mgmt. Board

David McVey Assistant Attorney General 1302 E. Hwy. 14, Suite 1 Pierre, SD 57501 <u>david.mcvey@state.sd.us</u> Counsel – Water Mgmt. Board

True and correct copies of the above referenced documents were also served via United States Certified Mail (with courtesy copies sent via electronic mail) upon the following:

Julie Santella 422 Columbus Street, Apt. 1 Rapid City, SD 57701 <u>sante076@umn.edu</u> Petitioner

Max Main Bennett, Main, Gubbrud, & Willert, P.C. 618 State Street Belle Fourche, SD 57717 <u>max@bellelaw.com</u> Counsel – Wharf Resources (USA), Inc. Tonia Stands 202 Bald Eagle Lane, #8 Rapid City, SD 57701 <u>mbcouncil@protonmail.com</u> *Petitioner* 

On this 28th day of September, 2020.

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General

September 1, 2020

Attn: Matt Hicks South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources Ground Water Quality Program 523 East Capitol Avenue Joe Foss Building Pierre, SD 57501

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Uept. of Environment & Natural Resources GROUND WATER QUALITY

RE: Petition to Contest and Oppose Renewal Application for Ground Water Discharge Plan for Wharf Resources' (USA), Inc. Ross Valley Waste Depository

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Please keep me informed of all proceedings and documents related to this application.

Submitted by,

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Julie Santella Rapid City, SD

Certified copy sent to: Wharf Mine, 10928 Wharf Road, Lead, SD 57754

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- I come from various original Bands of the Oceti Sakowin in Pte Oyate Makoce. I am an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe. I am concerned about this proposal for the following reasons including, but not limited to:
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  - c) There is no mention of the impacts of this operation to Spiritual/Religious Practices in the area. Per American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. § 1996.), as Indigneous peoples we have the right to practice our spirituality, which includes access to sites and the freedom to practice our ceremonies. In City of Albuquerque v. Browner (97 F.3d 415, 10th Cir. 1996), the 10th Federal Court of Appeals and later the Supreme Court upheld that Isleta Pueblo and all Tribal Nations have the right to ensure clean water for ceremonial practice. This case demonstrates the importance of clean water for ceremonial use for our people.
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non-treaty signers, regarding this proposal. Proper permission has not been granted for the Ross Valley Waste Depository, or for Wharf's operation as a whole.

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Please keep me informed of all proceedings and documents related to this application.

Submitted by,

Tonia Stands Oglala, SD

Certified copy sent to: Wharf Mine, 10928 Wharf Road, Lead, SD 57754

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September 23, 2020

Hon. Hunter Roberts Secretary, Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Ron Duvall Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Matter of Groundwater Discharge Plan Renewal and Water Quality Variance Review of Wharf Resource's Ross Valley Spent Ore Facility

Dear Sec. Roberts and Mr. Duvall:

Enclosed with this letter is a Notice of Appearance as well as the Groundwater Quality Program's Motion to Dismiss and Motion to Appoint Hearing Chair to be filed in the above referenced proceedings pending before both the Secretary and the Water Management Board. True and correct copies have been served on those individuals listed in the attached Certificates of Service.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorneys General

Enclosures Cc/encl:

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# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

# BEFORE THE WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD & OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

IN THE MATTER OF GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PLAN RENEWAL & WATER QUALITY VARIANCE REVIEW OF WHARF RESOURCES' ROSS VALLEY SPENT ORE FACILITY

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

The following individuals hereby give notice in the above captioned matter of

their appearance as counsel for the South Dakota Department of Environment &

Natural Resources' Groundwater Quality Program:

Steven R. Blair, Assistant Attorney General, and Jeffery Tronvold, Deputy Attorney General.

Counsel request that copies of all further pleadings, filings, or other documents

related to this matter be served upon them at the address indicated below.

Dated this 23rd day of September, 2020.



Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General Jeffery Tronvold Deputy Attorney General 1302 E. Highway 14, Suite 1 Pierre, South Dakota 57501 (605) 773-3215 <u>steven.blair@state.sd.us</u> jeffery.tronvold@state.sd.us

Counsel for DENR Groundwater Quality Program

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Groundwater Quality Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' NOTICE OF APPEARANCE filed in the above captioned matter was submitted via United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid upon:

Hon. Hunter Roberts Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Secretary – DENR

Ron Duvall Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Staff – Water Mgmt. Board

David McVey Assistant Attorney General 1302 E. Hwy. 14, Suite 1 Pierre, SD 57501 Counsel – Water Mgmt. Board

True and correct copies of the above referenced documents were also served

via United States Certified Mail upon the following:

Julie Santella 422 Columbus Street, Apt. 1 Rapid City, SD 57701 *Petitioner* 

Tonia Stands 202 Bald Eagle Lane, #8 Rapid City, SD 57701 *Petitioner* 

Max Main Bennett, Main, Gubbrud, & Willert, P.C. 618 State Street Belle Fourche, SD 57717 Counsel – Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.

On this 23rd day of September, 2020.

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General

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MOTION TO DISMISS PETITIONS FOR CONTESTED CASE & MOTION TO STAY TIME TO FILE ANSWER

The Groundwater Quality Program (Groundwater Program) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hereby files this Motion to Dismiss the Petitions for Contested Case filed in the above captioned matter. The Groundwater Program asserts that the Petitions are untimely, and therefore concludes that the Water Management Board (Board) and the Secretary of the DENR are without sufficient jurisdiction to consider the claims raised by the Petitions. The Groundwater Program also respectfully moves the Board and the Secretary to stay the requirement of filing an Answer in this matter.

# BACKGROUND

On August 1, 2020 the Black Hills Pioneer published notice of the DENR's Notice of Recommendation that Wharf Resources' Ross Valley Spent Ore Facility Groundwater Discharge Plan be renewed with conditions. Exhibit A. This publication triggered a thirty-day (30) period within which interested parties were able to file a petition to initiate a contested case and request a hearing on the Groundwater Discharge Plan renewal and the DENR's Recommendation. This petition period expired on August 31, 2020. On September 2, 2020, the DENR

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electronically received from Julie Santella and Tonia Stands "Petition[s] to Contest and Oppose" the renewal of the Wharf Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Plan. Exhibits B & C. Both Petitions are dated September 1, 2020. *Id*.

# ARGUMENT

Administrative agencies are tribunals of limited jurisdiction. 2 Am.Jur.2d, Administrative Law § 273 (2017). "An administrative agency has jurisdiction over a matter when the agency is given power 'by law to hear and decide controversies."" *Knapp v. Hamm & Phillips Service Co., Inc.*, 2012 S.D. 82, ¶ 12, 824 N.W.2d 785, 788. An administrative agency has those powers expressly conferred upon it, as well as those powers "necessarily implied and reasonably necessary to effectuate the express powers granted to, or duties imposed upon, it." Spies Realty Company v. State Department of Social Services, 321 N.W.2d 924, 926 (S.D. 1982) (quoting Application of Kohlman, 263 N.W.2d 674, 678 (S.D. 1978)).

In this matter the Petitions filed by Ms. Santella and Ms. Stands are untimely and thereby the Board is without jurisdiction to entertain the claims for relief raised by the Petitions.

# I. <u>Timeliness of Petitions</u>

In South Dakota, the operator of a facility that discharges waste or pollutants that move into groundwater must obtain approval of a Groundwater Discharge Plan. ARSD § 74:54:02:02. The Groundwater Discharge Plan is comprised of up to three separate permits: a Construction Permit (SDCL 34A-2-27; ARSD §

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74:54:02:13)<sup>1</sup>; Water Quality Variance Permit (SDCL 34A-2-24; ARSD §§ 74:54:02:11, 74:54:02:17); and Groundwater Discharge Permit (SDCL 34A-2-31, -36.1; ARSD § 74:54:02:14).

The Board is authorized by statute to issue Water Quality Variance Permits. SDCL 34A-2-24. These Permits must be reviewed on a biennial basis. SDCL 34A-2-26. The Board has also been authorized by statute to pass administrative rules regarding the process used for permitting the discharge of wastes. SDCL 34A-2-28 & -30. Under that authority the Board has delegated biennial review of the Water Quality Variance Permit to the Secretary of the DENR. ARSD § 74:54:02:11. Through its rule-making authority, the Board has established a notice of recommendation procedure for the biennial review of Water Quality Variance Permits. ARSD § 74:54:02:12. The Secretary is tasked with publishing a Notice of Recommendation regarding the biennial review which describes the proposed disposition of the Water Quality Variance Permit review. Id. The publication of the Secretary's Notice of Recommendation triggers a thirty-day period within which any interested party may file a petition to request a contested case hearing before the Board. Id. "If a petition is not [timely] filed, the water quality variance permit review will become final without a hearing." Id.

The Secretary is statutorily authorized to issue Groundwater Discharge Permits for a period that may not exceed five years. SDCL 34A-2-36.1. Administrative rule explicitly ties the issuance of a Groundwater Discharge Permit

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Plan renewal consists only of a Water Quality Variance and a Groundwater Discharge Permit. Exhibit A.

to the approval of a Groundwater Discharge Plan. ARSD § 74:54:02:14. Acting within its delegated rule-making authority, the Board has (like the Water Quality Variance Permit review process), established a notice of recommendation procedure for Groundwater Discharge Plans.

The Secretary is tasked with review of Groundwater Discharge Plan applications and the development of a Notice of Recommendation that describes the Secretary's proposed disposition of the Plan application. ARSD §§ 74:54:02:07 and :08. The Notice of Recommendation must be published in a legal newspaper, and upon publication any interested party has thirty days to file a petition to initiate a contested case proceeding before the Board. ARSD § 74:54:02:08. "If a petition is not filed, the application for a plan will become final ... without a hearing." *Id.* If a timely petition is filed requesting a hearing before the Board, the Board may "conditionally approve" the Groundwater Discharge Plan by issuing the Water Quality Variance Permit, and any necessary Construction Permit. ARSD § 74:54:02:09. Final approval of a contested Groundwater Discharge Plan application is accomplished by the Secretary's issuance of a Groundwater Discharge Permit. ARSD § 74:54:02:14.

As discussed above, the DENR published notice of the Secretary's Recommendation regarding Wharf Resources' Ross Valley Spent Ore Facility Groundwater Discharge Plan on August 1, 2020. The thirty-day petition period triggered by this publication expired on August 31, 2010. The Petitions filed by Ms.

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Santella and Ms. Stands were received by the DENR on September 2, 2020. Exhibits B & C.

The DENR complied with the notice and publication requirements applicable to the operative components of the Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Plan. Both Petitioners in this proceeding had adequate legal notice of the Secretary's proposed recommendation and notice of the required timeframe within which to submit their petitions. The applicable administrative rules require a request for a contested hearing to be filed within the thirty-day period following notice of the Secretary's recommendation. The petitions at issue in this matter were not timely filed. With no timely filed petitions requesting a contested case, and by operation of administrative rule, both the Water Quality Variance Permit and the Groundwater Discharge Permit became final without a hearing. ARSD §§ 74:54:02:08 & 74:54:02:12. Due to Petitioners' untimeliness, the Groundwater Program concludes the Board and the Secretary are without jurisdiction to consider the relief requested by the Petitions and that the Petitions should be dismissed.

# II. Stay of Time to Answer

ARSD Ch. 74:50:02 establishes the procedures applicable to Water Pollution Control contested cases. ARSD § 74:50:02:04 requires that an Answer to a petition to initiate a contested case be filed within "30 days after the receipt of a petition[.]" In light of the above Motion to Dismiss, the Groundwater Program respectfully requests that the Board and the Secretary stay the requirement of any party to file an Answer in this matter until 10 days after the Board and the Secretary have issued their final Orders on the Groundwater Program's Motion to Dismiss.

# CONCLUSION

Based upon the information, arguments, and authorities discussed above, Groundwater Quality Program respectfully requests the Board and the Secretary enter orders dismissing the Petitions filed in the above captioned matter. Further, should the Board and the Secretary deny the Motion to Dismiss and accept the Petitions on file in this matter, the Groundwater Program requests that the Board and the Secretary stay the requirement to file an Answer in this matter until 10 days after the Board and the Secretary enter their final Orders denying the Motion to Dismiss.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020.

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Counsel for DENR Groundwater Quality Program

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Groundwater Quality Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' MOTION TO DISMISS and MOTION TO STAY filed in the above captioned matter was submitted via United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid upon:

Hon. Hunter Roberts Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Secretary – DENR

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On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020.

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General

# Affidavit of Publication STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA: COUNTY OF LAWRENCE:

Letitia Lister of said County and State being first duly sworn, on her oath says: That the BLACK HILLS PIONEER is a legal daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in the City of Spearfish, in said County and State by Letitia Lister, and has been such a newspaper during the times hereinafter mentioned; and that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of at least 200 copies weekly, and has been published within said County in the English language for at least one year prior to the first publication of the notice herein mentioned, and is printed in whole or in part in an office maintained at the place of publication; and that I, Letitia Lister, the undersigned, am the Publisher of said newspaper and have personal knowledge of all the facts stated in this affidavit; and that the advertisement headed:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Aug., 2020

Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota My commission expires: 7-18-2025

### Nation of Recommendation on a Ground Water Discharge Plan Renewal

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Any interested person may file a petition to initiate a contested case and request a hearing on the Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal and the Department's recommendation pursuant to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota Chapter 74:50:02 within 30 days of this notice. If no petition to initiate a contested case is filed during the 30-day public notice period, the Department's recommendations on the Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal will become final at the close of this 30-day period.

Any person desiring further information may contact Matt Hicks at the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ground Water Quality Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Joe Foss Building, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, Phone: 605-773-3296; or visit the DENR public notices website at: http:// denr.sd.gov/public

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-s- Hunter Roberts Hunter Roberts Secretary Published once at the total approximate cost of \$28.18. #190

EXHIBIT

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September 1, 2020

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Natural Resources

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# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

BEFORE THE WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD & OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

IN THE MATTER OF GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PLAN RENEWAL & WATER QUALITY VARIANCE REVIEW OF WHARF RESOURCES' ROSS VALLEY SPENT ORE FACILITY

MOTION TO APPOINT HEARING CHAIR

The Groundwater Quality Program (Groundwater Program) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) hereby files this Motion to Appoint Hearing Chair in the above captioned proceedings.

Currently pending are petitions for a contested case challenging the Secretary of DENR's (Secretary) recommendation regarding the renewal of Wharf Resources' Ross Valley Spent Ore Facility Groundwater Discharge Plan which includes the biennial review of the Water Quality Variance Permit, and the renewal of the Groundwater Discharge Permit issued as part of the Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Plan.

According to ARSD § 74:54:02:12 a challenge to the Secretary's recommendation on a Water Quality Variance Permit review is heard before the Water Management Board (Board). Pursuant to the terms of ARSD § 74:54:02:08, a challenge to the Secretary's recommendation on renewal of a Groundwater Discharge Plan (of which the Groundwater Discharge Permit is a component) is also to be heard by the Board. However, according to SDCL 34A-2-36.1 & ARSD § 74:54:02:14, final approval of a Groundwater Discharge Plan is only accomplished by the Secretary's issuance of a Groundwater Discharge Permit.

Based on a review of the applicable administrative rules, and an attempt to harmonize their provisions, the Groundwater Program concludes that the Petitions on file in this matter have initiated proceedings that are currently pending before both the Water Management Board and the Secretary of the DENR. The Board is tasked by administrative rule with hearing the challenge to Secretary's recommendation as to the Ross Valley Water Quality Variance Permit, and impliedly tasked with conducting any hearing regarding the Groundwater Discharge Permit. The Secretary retains final decision-making authority as to the Groundwater Discharge Permit.

The Board is required by ARSD § 74:50:02:08 to "appoint a member of the [B]oard to act as chair of" any groundwater quality hearing held pursuant to the provisions of ARSD Ch. 74:54. Under ARSD § 74:50:02:08 the chair of a hearing is responsible for all prehearing rulings. ARSD § 74:50:02:17, however, allows "the Secretary or the Board to appoint a hearing examiner to conduct the hearing of a contested case," which includes conducting any prehearing conference. (cleaned up). The prehearing conference is where all prehearing motions are to be decided and the time and place for the contested hearing is to be set. ARSD § 74:50:02:10.

It is anticipated that the proceedings held on the Water Quality Variance Permit, as well as the Groundwater Discharge Permit will be based upon the same administrative record and consist of nearly identical testimony, evidence, and exhibits. In the name of judicial economy – in an effort to avoid the un-necessary duplication of proceedings – the Groundwater Program concludes that it would be appropriate to hold one contested proceeding for consideration of both the pending Water Quality Variance Permit review and the Groundwater Discharge Permit renewal.

Based on the foregoing, the Groundwater Program respectfully requests that the following actions be taken:

1. The Secretary of the DENR enter his formal request that the Water Management Board agree to act as the Secretary's hearing examiner for purposes of conducting all proceedings in relation to the Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Permit renewal, including the holding of a prehearing conference and conducting any formal contested case hearing. In this role, the Board will be tasked with conducting its own proceedings regarding review of the Ross Valley Water Quality Variance Permit as well as issuing a written recommended decision to the Secretary regarding renewal of the Groundwater Discharge Permit. The Secretary will retain final decision-making authority regarding renewal of the Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Permit.

2. The Board accept the Secretary's request to act as the Secretary's hearing examiner for purposes of any proceedings related to the Ross Valley Groundwater Discharge Permit. And,

3. The Board then appoint one of its members, as required by ARSD § 74:50:02:08 to be the hearing chair for purposes of both the Water Quality Variance Permit and Groundwater Discharge Permit proceedings. The appointed hearing chair will be responsible for all prehearing rulings and for conducting any contested case proceedings before the Board.

In the alternative, if the Secretary should determine not to request the Board act as his hearing examiner, or the Board should decline the request to act as the Secretary's hearing examiner, the Groundwater Program requests the following:

1. The Secretary and the Board jointly appoint an uninterested third party as hearing examiner to conduct any prehearing proceedings and hear any contested case proceedings regarding both the Water Quality Variance Permit renewal and the Groundwater Discharge Permit renewal. The hearing examiner will be tasked with issuing written recommended decisions regarding the Ross Valley Water Quality Variance Permit and the Groundwater Discharge Permit to both the Board and the Secretary respectively. The Board would retain final decision-making authority over review of the Water Quality Variance Permit, while the Secretary would retain final decision-making authority over the Groundwater Discharge Permit renewal.

Dated this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of September, 2020.

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General Jeffery Tronvold Deputy Attorney General 1302 E. Highway 14, Suite 1 Pierre, South Dakota 57501 (605) 773-3215 <u>steven.blair@state.sd.us</u> jeffery.tronvold@state.sd.us

Counsel for DENR Groundwater Quality Program

# CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that the Groundwater Quality Program of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources' MOTION TO APPOINT HEARING CHAIR filed in the above captioned matter was submitted via United States Mail, First Class, Postage Prepaid upon:

Hon. Hunter Roberts Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Secretary – DENR

Ron Duvall Dept. of Env. & Nat. Resources 523 E. Capitol Ave. Pierre, SD 57501 Staff – Water Mgmt. Board

David McVey Assistant Attorney General 1302 E. Hwy. 14, Suite 1 Pierre, SD 57501 Counsel – Water Mgmt. Board

True and correct copies of the above referenced documents were also served

via United States Certified Mail upon the following:

Julie Santella 422 Columbus Street, Apt. 1 Rapid City, SD 57701 *Petitioner* 

Tonia Stands 202 Bald Eagle Lane, #8 Rapid City, SD 57701 *Petitioner* 

Max Main Bennett, Main, Gubbrud, & Willert, P.C. 618 State Street Belle Fourche, SD 57717 Counsel – Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.

On this 23rd day of September, 2020.

Steven R. Blair Assistant Attorney General

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# **RE:** Wharf Resources Groundwater Discharge Plan Renewal-Application; Our File No. 2876.125020.

Enclosed for Ron Duvall for filing are the originals of the following documents, with copies to Steven Blair, Julie Santella, and Tonia Stands:

1. Wharf's Motion to Dismiss;

- 2. Wharf's Motion to Extend Time for Answering Petitions; and
- 3. Affidavit of Mailing.

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Should anyone have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,

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# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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# WHARF'S MOTION TO DISMISS

**COMES NOW**, applicant Wharf Resources (U.S.A.), Inc. ("Wharf") and moves to dismiss the two Petitions to Contest and Oppose ("Petitions") filed herein by Tonia Stands and Julie Santella. This Motion is made on the following grounds and for the following reasons:

The Notice of Recommendation in this matter was published in the Black Hills Pioneer on August 1, 2020. Exhibit A attached hereto. As required by ARSD 74:54:02:08, the Notice states that a petition to initiate a contested case must be filed "within 30 days of this notice." *Id.* The 30-day deadline was August 31, 2020.

The Petitions were not filed with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources ("Department") until September 2, 2020, when they were received electronically. Exhibit B attached hereto. Paper copies of the Petitions were not received and filed with the Department until September 4, 2020. Exhibit C attached hereto.

Failure to comply with the rules of civil procedure may be grounds for -dismissal. *S.W. Croes Family Trust vs. Small Business Administration*, 446 N.W.2d 55, 57 and 58 (fn. 3) (S.D. 1989). Likewise, failure to comply with administrative rules of procedure should be grounds for dismissal. The late-filed Petitions should be dismissed.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of Aug., 2020

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Notary Public, Lawrence County, South Dakota My commission expires: 7-18-2025

### Notice of Recommendation on a Ground Water Discharge Plan Renewal

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) has received a renewal application, for an existing Ground Water Distance of the Wharf Resources' (USA), Inc. Ross Valley Waste Depository at their mining facility in Lawrence County, South Dakota. The legal location of the operation is portions of Section 3 and 4 ofT4N-R2E, and portions of Sections 33 and 34 ofT5N-R2E; approximately 3 miles west of Lead, South Dakota. The Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal consists of a ground water quality variance, and a ground water discharge permit. The Secretary of the

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Any interested person may file a petition to initiate a contested case and request a hearing on the Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal and the Department's recommendation pursuant to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota Chapter 74:50:02 within 30 days of this notice. If no petition to initiate a contested case is filed during the 30-day public notice period, the Department's recommendations on the Ground Water Discharge Plan renewal will become final at the close of this 30-day period.

Any person desiring further information may contact Matt Hicks at the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ground Water Quality Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Joe Foss Building, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, 605-773-3296; Phone: or visit the DENR public notices website at: http:// denr.sd.gov/public

In the event a hearing is scheduled, notice is given to individuals with disabilities that the hearing will be held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing.

-s- Hunter Roberts . Hunter Roberts Secretary Published once at the total approximate cost of \$28.18. #190

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# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

IN THE MATTER OF THE RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AN EXISTING GROUNDWATER DISCHARGE PLAN FOR THE WHARF RESOURCES (U.S.A), INC. ROSS VALLEY WASTE DEPOSITORY.

# WHARF'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR ANSWERING PETITIONS

**COMES NOW**, applicant Wharf Resources (U.S.A.), Inc. ("Wharf") and moves to extend the time for answering the two Petitions to Contest and Oppose ("Petitions") filed herein by Tonia Stands and Julie Santella. This Motion is made on the following grounds and for the following reasons:

Wharf received the Petitions on September 4, 2020. Pursuant to ARSD 74:50:02:04, Wharf has 30 days after receipt to serve a written answer to the Petitions. The 30-day deadline would end October 4, 2020. That day is a Sunday, so the deadline is extended to Monday, October 5, 2020. *See*, SDCL 15-6-6(a).

Wharf has filed a Motion to Dismiss the Petitions, based on the untimely filing of the Petitions.

If the Motion to Dismiss is granted, there will be no need to answer the Petitions. If the Motion to Dismiss is denied, Wharf requests the time for answering the Petitions be extended to 10 days from and after the date of the denial.

Dated this 24th day of September, 2020.

BENNETT MAIN GUBBRUD & WILLERT, P.C. Attorneys for Wharf

Bv:

MAX MAIN 618 State Street Belle Fourche, SD 57717 (605) 892-2011

# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES WATER MANAGEMENT BOARD

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**AFFIDAVIT OF MAILING** 

# STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)) ss.COUNTY OF BUTTE)

ASHLEY KATCHMARK, being first duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that she is a legal assistant for the law firm of Bennett Main Gubbrud & Willert, P.C., attorneys for Wharf Resources (U.S.A.), Inc.; that on September 24, 2020, at Belle Fourche, County of Butte, State of South Dakota, she personally mailed, *by certified mail – return receipt requested*, the originals of WHARF'S MOTION TO DISMISS and WHARF'S MOTION TO EXTEND TIME FOR ANSWERING PETITIONS, to be filed in the above-described matter, to the following person at their respective last known post office address as follows:

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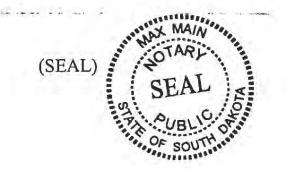
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