



**Board of Minerals
and Environment**

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AGENDA

Board of Minerals and Environment
Telephone Conference Meeting
DANR Large Conference Room
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD

January 15, 2026

10:00 a.m. Central Time

Call to order and roll call

Approve agenda

Approve minutes from November 20, 2025, meeting

Mining issues consent calendar – Tom Cline

Dakota Stone letter of credit exchange for its three mine permits – Eric Holm

Release of reclamation liability and surety release for SDO Services LLC EXNI 448 – Roberta Hudson

Annual Update on South Dakota's Volkswagen Beneficiary Mitigation Plan – Barb Regynski

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

Upcoming board meetings

Adjourn

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Minutes of the
Board of Minerals and Environment
Teams/Conference Call Meeting
DANR Large Conference Room
523 East Capitol Avenue
Pierre, South Dakota

November 20, 2025
10:00 a.m. Central Time

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Glenn Blumhardt. The roll was called, and a quorum was present.

The meeting was streaming live on SD.net, a service of South Dakota Public Broadcasting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Blumhardt, Bob Ewing, Jessica Gruenwald, Gary Haag, Doyle Karpen, Rhett Miller, Bob Morris, and Laurie Schultz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Gregg Greenfield.

OTHERS PARTICIPATING: Mike Lees, Roberta Hudson, Eric Holm, Bret Graves, Tom Cline, DANR Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program; Steve Blair, DANR General Counsel, Melody Smith and Jonathan Madill, American Colloid; Bob Mercer, Keloland News.

APPROVE AGENDA: Steve Blair stated that the Christine Hamilton and Oacoma Township release of liability matter was placed on today's meeting agenda on the department's recommendation to release liability. Since that time the landowner has filed a petition for a contested case, so the department requested that the board remove this matter from today's agenda.

Mr. Blair noted that there are ongoing conversations amongst the parties that may resolve this matter without needing a contested case hearing. The department will update the board on this matter at a future meeting.

Motion by Karpen, seconded by Miller, to remove the Christine Hamilton and Oacoma Township release of liability matter from the agenda and to adopt the amended agenda. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, MEETING: Motion by Ewing, seconded by Schultz, to approve the minutes from the September 17, 2025, Board of Minerals and Environment meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

MINING ISSUES CONSENT CALENDAR: Prior to the meeting the board received a copy of the consent calendar (see attachment).

Tom Cline with the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program was available for questions from the board. There were no questions.

Motion by Miller, seconded by Karpen, to approve the consent calendar, as presented. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

RELEASE OF RECLAMATION LIABILITY AND SURETY FOR AMERICAN COLLOID MINE PERMIT 475: Eric Holm reported that Davis South Mine Permit 475 was issued June 22, 2010. Out of the 253.7 permitted affected acres 39.7 acres were disturbed, and all of those acres were subsequently reclaimed. The mine is located 17.5 miles north of Belle Fourche. The post-mine land use is rangeland for grazing. Mining ended in 2013 due to lack of demand for the grade of bentonite at the mine and the considerable haul distance to the mill.

The permit has been under temporary cessation for the last 10 years while American Colloid decided whether to resume mining. The 10-year period has expired, and American Colloid has decided not to resume mining, so they are requesting release of liability and surety for this permit.

Mr. Holm showed a map of the permitted area. DANR conducted a final inspection of the reclaimed area on August 20, 2025. The required earthmoving, topsoil placement, and seeding were completed in the fall of 2013, and the area was returned to rangeland for grazing. The release area exceeds the 40 percent vegetative cover requirement, has self-sustaining cover, and there are no erosion or noxious weed infestations.

Mr. Holm noted that in June 2025, Melody Smith, American Colloid, collected vegetative data on the reclaimed area and the adjacent undisturbed reference areas. Comparing the two, the average live vegetative cover is 52.4 percent in reclaimed areas and 49.6 percent in adjacent undisturbed reference areas. Species in the seed mix noted included western, crested, and slender wheatgrasses and yellow sweet clover. Western wheatgrass was the dominant species, and other species noted include japanese brome and field pennycress, which were part of the pre-mine vegetative cover. Mr. Holm showed several photos of the reclaimed area.

DANR previously did inspections of the former Permit 29 area. There was spotty vegetative cover in the reclaimed 2.12-acres of the Small Scale Mine Permit 29 area. There was limited success in the original seeding efforts due to lack of the quality soil not salvaged by the previous operator during mining in 1971 and 1974. The permit was subsequently transferred to American Colloid in 1987, but the company did no additional mining. A portion of the Permit 29 area was planned to be redisturbed during mining under Large Scale Mine Permit 475. After Mine Permit 475 was issued in June 2010, Permit 29 was closed in November 2012. There was potential time to improve vegetative cover in the area during redisturbance so there would be better soil material available for the Permit 29 area. The area around Permit 29 was never mined; however, American Colloid did go back and seed the area with millet for the vegetative cover. The company did make several attempts to reseed this area, but they had inadequate resources and did the best they could on it.

ARSD 74:29:07:20(1) requires reclaimed affected land to support livestock carrying capacity similar to surrounding or reference area. The baseline data showed pre-mine forage production of 0.25 animal unit months per acre. In June 2025, a sampling of the reclaimed area showed post-

mine forage production of 0.26 animal unit months per acre. Based on the landowner grazing 230 ewes with lambs in the area from July 1 to August 1 for two years, the area meets the requirements of ARSD 74:29:07:20(1). The landowner submitted a letter on August 26, 2025, stating that there is more desirable forage in the reclaimed area than the pre-mining area.

DANR sent letters to the surface owner, Jim Davis, and the Butte County Commission on August 29, 2025, informing them of American Colloid's request for release of liability and surety. The department did not receive a response to the letter from either party.

The department recommended that the board approve American Colloid Company's request for release of 39.7 acres of reclaimed land and the \$10,000 reclamation surety. The department is recommending no post-closure period. It is not needed because there is no water treatment required, there is a diverse and self-sustaining vegetative cover in existence. The area is in its 12th growing season, and there are no erosion or noxious weed issues.

Melody Smith and Jon Madill with American Colloid were on the conference call to answer questions from the board. There were no questions.

Motion by Morris, seconded by Ewing, to release reclamation liability and Bond No. SU1114132, Arch Insurance Company, in the amount of \$10,000 with no post-closure period for American Colloid Company Mine Permit 475. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

REQUEST TO EXTEND PERIOD OF FINAL RECLAMATION AFTER COMPLETION OF MINING FOR JAMES DEAN, SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT 453: Mr. Holm reported that James Dean completed mining in 2020 at his slate quarry covered under Small Scale Mine Permit No. 453.

SDCL 45-6B-45 requires an operator to complete final reclamation of a mine site within five years after the completion of mining. Since Mr. Dean did not complete the required final reclamation, he has requested board approval of a two-year extension of the reclamation period in a letter which was included with the board packet.

At this time, approximately 0.47 acres have been reclaimed out of the 1.75 acres of total disturbance. Some material has been pushed against the pit highwall in an effort to reduce the highwall slope. Mr. Dean plans to complete earthwork, including pit highwall backfill, next year with seeding and Canadian thistle control to follow.

The department recommended that the board approve the two-year extension of the reclamation period until December 31, 2027.

Motion by Karpen, seconded by Gruenwald, to grant James Dean a two-year extension to extend reclamation activities under Permit 453 until 2027. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

TRANSFER OF EXPLORATION NOTICE OF INTENT 447 FROM SDO SERVICES, LLC TO LONGVIEW MINERALS, LLC: Roberta Hudson reported that Longview Minerals LLC has

requested transfer of EXNI 447 and liability from SDO Services, LLC to Longview Minerals LLC. EXNI 447 is generally located two miles northwest of Keystone.

Under SDCL 45-6C-53 any exploration notice of intent can be transferred from one operator to another with the successor operator assuming reclamation liability. The board cannot deny an exploration notice of intent transfer unless the operation is not or cannot be brought into compliance with all applicable federal, state, or local laws or the successor operator is in violation of state statutes, rules, notice restrictions, mining permit conditions or requirements with respect to any exploration or mining operation in the state.

The current operator and Longview Minerals, LLC are in compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

The department recommended that the board approve the transfer of EXNI 447 from SDO Services, LLC to Longview Minerals, LLC, and release SDO Services' reclamation liability for this EXNI and place it under Longview Mineral, LLC's existing \$100,000 statewide surety.

In response to questions from board members, Ms. Hudson stated that \$100,000 is the new maximum statewide surety amount. Longview Minerals, LLC has five other EXNIs in South Dakota. The maximum statewide surety amount was changed to \$100,000 by the legislature in 2024. There is no limit on the number of EXNIs covered under a statewide surety. All of Longview Minerals, LLC's EXNI are covered under the one statewide surety. Longview Minerals, LLC also has a Mine License for some of the areas that have exploration sites, so there is additional bonding under the mine license.

Motion by Morris, seconded by Miller, to transfer of EXNI 447 from SDO Services, LLC to Longview Minerals, LLC, and release SDO Services' reclamation liability for this EXNI and place it under Longview Mineral, LLC's existing \$100,000 statewide surety. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SDCL 1-25-1: There were no public comments.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: The next meeting is scheduled for January 15, 2026.

ADJOURN: Motion by Karpen, seconded by Schultz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Secretary, Board of Minerals
and Environment

Date

Witness

Date

Consent Calendar
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<u>License Holder</u>	<u>License No.</u>	<u>Site No.</u>	<u>Surety Amount</u>	<u>Surety Company or Bank</u>	<u>DANR Recommendation</u>
<u>Transfer of Liability:</u>					
Pollman Excavation Inc. Wakonda, SD	15-994		\$20,000	First Premier Bank – Sioux Falls, SD	Transfer liability
		994003	E1/2 Section 25; T92N-R50W, Union County		
Transfer to:					
Wieman Construction Vermillion, SD	15-986		\$9,500	Vermillion Federal Credit Union – Vermillion, SD Voyage Federal Credit Union – Vermillion, SD	
<u>Surety Release:</u>					
Dakota Earthworks, Inc. Sioux Falls, SD	05-809		\$20,000	North American Specialty Insurance Co. – Manchester, NH	Release \$20,000
		License Only			
<u>Release of Liability & Surety Release</u>					
Connie Van Der Vliet Sisseton, SD	93-498		\$500	Great Plains Bank – Eden, SD	Release Liability & \$500
		498001	SE1/4 Section 26; T126N-R53W, Marshall County		
Zandstra Construction Inc. Rapid City, SD	84-254		\$20,000	Travelers Casualty & Surety Co of America – St. Paul, MN	Release Liability & \$20,000
		254005	NW1/4 Section 29 and SW1/4 Section 20; T6S-R7E, Custer County		

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<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Bob Bak Construction Ravina, SD	83-61		\$20,000	American State Bank – Pierre, SD First National Bank – Pierre, SD Wells Fargo Bank – White River, SD American Bank & Trust – Pierre, SD	Release Liability
		61021	NE1/4 Section 27; T43N-R25W, Mellette County		
DOT Mitchell Region Mitchell, SD	83-10		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		10044	NW1/4 Section 20 T101N-R69W & NE1/4, N1/2 SE1/4 Section 19; T101N-R69W, Brule County		
JH Earthmoving Inc. Howard, SD	08-859		\$3,000	Miner County Bank – Canova, SD Rivers Edge Bank – Howard, SD	Release Liability
		859001	NE1/4 Section 29; T105N-R57W, Miner County		
Lanny Ray Olson – DBA Olson Construction Huron, SD	95-549		\$5,500	Farmers & Merchants Bank – Huron, SD	Release Liability
		549004	SE1/4 Section 23; T112N-R60 W, Beadle County		
		549005	SW1/4 Section 23: T112N-R60W, Beadle County		
		549007	SW1/4 Section 14; T114N-R62W, Spink County		

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		549009	NW1/4 Section 4; T111N-R62W, Beadle County		
<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Ogan Construction Pierre, SD	95-538		\$10,000	United Fire & Casualty Company Cedar Rapids, IA	Release Liability
		538005	NE1/4 Section 15; T112N-R75W, Hughes County		
S & M Enterprises Wessington Springs, SD	03-765		\$1,500	First National Bank – Pierre, SD American Bank & Trust – Wessington Springs, SD	Release Liability
		765001	NW1/4 Section 27; T107N-R65W, Jerauld County		
		765005	Section 18; T107N-R66W, Jerauld County		
		765006	Section 6; T109N-R66W, Hand County		

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<u>Release of Liability & Surety Release:</u>					
Christine Hamilton Kimball, SD	07-849		\$500	Great Western Bank - Chamberlain, SD	Release Liability & \$500
		849001	NE1/4 Section 22; T103N-R72W, Lyman		
<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Oacoma Township Oacoma, SD	18-1033		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		1033001	N1/2 NE1/4 Section 22 and NE1/4 NW1/4 Section 15; T103N-R72W, Lyman County		

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<u>Permit Holder</u>	<u>Permit No.</u>	<u>Surety Amount</u>	<u>Surety Company or Bank</u>	<u>DANR Recommendation</u>
<u>Release of Liability and Surety – American Colloid Company:</u>				
American Colloid Company Belle Fourche, SD	475	\$10,000	Arch Insurance Company	Release reclamation liability and Bond No. SU1114132, Arch Insurance Company, in the amount of \$10,000 with no postclosure period.
		Portions of Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10; T11N-R2E, Butte County		
<u>Request to Extend Period of Final Reclamation After Completion of Mining:</u>				
James Dean Hill City, SD	453	\$2,108	First National Bank, Pierre, SD	Grant James Dean a 2-year extension to extend reclamation activities under Permit 453 until 2027.

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<u>Transfer of Exploration Notice of Intent EXNI-447:</u>				
SDO Services, LLC. Rapid City, SD	447	\$20,000	First National Bank, Rapid City, SD	Transfer EXNI-447 and liability from SDO Services, LLC to Longview Minerals, LLC and release SDO Services' liability. Liability will be covered under Longview Minerals' \$100,000 statewide surety.
Portions of Section 6; T2S-R6E, Pennington County				
Transfer to:				
Longview Minerals, LLC Custer, SD		\$100,000	First Interstate Bank, Custer, SD	
<u>Release of Liability and Surety – SDO Services, LLC:</u>				
SDO Services, LLC. Rapid City, SD	448	\$20,000	First National Bank, Rapid City, SD	Release reclamation liability and CD No. 240312, First National Bank, in the amount of \$20,000.
Portions of Section 31; T1S-R5E, Pennington County				

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<u>Transfer of Liability:</u>					
SDO Services, LLC Lamie, NM	23-1131		\$20,000	First National Bank – Rapid City, SD	Transfer Liability
		1131001	Section 6; T2S-R6E, Pennington County		
Transfer to:					
Longview Minerals Custer, SD	24-1139		\$20,000	Pioneer Bank & Trust – Rapid City, SD	
<u>Surety Release:</u>					
Carl Scott Custer, SD	89-388		\$1,000	First Interstate Bank – Custer, SD	Release \$1,000
		License Only			
<u>Release of Liability & Surety Release:</u>					
Ryan Breske Waubay, SD	09-873		\$1,000	Peoples State Bank – Summit, SD	Release Liability & \$1,000
		873001	E1/2 Section 34; T122N-R54W, Day County		
Shanard Husted Ft. Pierre, SD	05-814		\$2,000	Bankwest – Pierre, SD	Release Liability & \$2,000
		814001	SW1/4 Section 4; T4N-R31E, Stanley County		
		814002	NW1/4 Section 4; T4N-R31E, Stanley County		

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<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Hand County Highway Dept. Miller, SD	83-148		Exempt		Release Liability
		148003	NE1/4 Section 24; T112N-R66W, Hand County		
TCB LLC Sioux Falls, SD	20-1080		\$20,000	First National Bank – Sioux Falls, SD	Release Liability
		1080005	NE1/4 Section 2; T101N-49W, Minnehaha County		
Western Construction Inc. Rapid City, SD	09-880		\$20,000	Western Surety Co. – Chicago, IL	Release Liability
		880004	SE1/4 Section 18; T4N-R6E, Meade County		

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<u>Exchange of Surety for Dakota Stone Inc. – Permits 15 and 485 Reclamation Bond:</u>				
Dakota Stone Inc. Milbank, SD	15 & 485	\$408,200	Platinum Bank, Oakdale, MN	Exchange Platinum Bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. A071 for Dacotah Bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 5481408001 in the amount of \$408,200.
<u>Exchange of Surety for Dakota Stone Inc. – Permit 318 Reclamation Bond:</u>				
Dakota Stone Inc. Milbank, SD	318	\$69,900	Platinum Bank, Oakdale, MN	Exchange Platinum Bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. A072 for Dacotah Bank Irrevocable Letter of Credit No. 5481408002 in the amount of \$69,900.

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<u>Release of Liability and Surety – SDO Services, LLC:</u>				
SDO Services, LLC. Rapid City, SD	EXNI-448	\$20,000	First National Bank, Rapid City, SD	Release reclamation liability and CD No. 240312, First National Bank, in the amount of \$20,000.
Portions of Section 31; T1S-R5E, Pennington County				

Annual Update on South Dakota's Volkswagen Beneficiary Mitigation Plan

BME Meeting – January 15, 2025

South Dakota Department of
Agriculture and Natural Resources

Barb Regynski

Overview of VW Case

- ▶ In 2016, a lawsuit was filed against Volkswagen for manufacturing and selling diesel vehicles in the US which exceeded allowable nitrogen oxide (NOx) levels.
- ▶ As part of the settlement, Volkswagen funded an Environmental Mitigation Trust to be used to offset the excess NOx emissions (almost \$3 billion).
- ▶ South Dakota's Allocation: \$8.125 million
- ▶ Each state had to develop and submit a plan to the Trustee summarizing how they intended to spend the funds.

South Dakota's Plan

- ▶ August 2018 – Plan approved by BME.
- ▶ March 2019 – Governor signed bill giving spending authority for VW trust funds.
- ▶ May 2021 – Plan revisions approved by BME.
- ▶ October 2027 – At least 80% of the funds must be obligated.

Category	Eligible Mitigation Action	Current % Range	Allotted Amount
1/6	Class 8/Class 4–7 Local Freight Trucks	35 to 45%	\$2,843,750 to \$3,656,250
2/10	Class 4–8 Buses /DERA Option	35 to 45%	\$2,843,750 to \$3,656,250
9	Light Duty ZEV Supply Equipment	10 to 15% ¹	\$812,500 to \$1,218,750
Admin	Administrative Costs	2.5 to 10% ¹	\$203,125 to \$812,500
Total VW Trust		100%	\$8,125,000

¹ – The VW trust limits the maximum amount that may be used in the category to 15%.

Trucks – VW C1 and C6

Category	Eligible Mitigation Action	Current % Range	Allotted Amount
1 / 6	Class 8/Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks	35 to 45%	\$2,843,750 to \$3,656,250

Through	Expended	Additional Obligated	Total
11/2025	\$3,633,922	\$0	\$3,633,922

- ▶ The VW Truck Rebate Program provided rebates for replacing old diesel trucks, with new cleaner trucks.
- ▶ Open to state and local governmental agencies.
- ▶ We were having two rounds per year, open for applications in January and June.
- ▶ After second round in 2024, no additional funds have been obligated. All projects have been completed.

Buses – VW C2 and C10

Category	Eligible Mitigation Action	Current % Range	Allotted Amount
2/10	Class 4–8 Buses /DERA Option	35 to 45%	\$2,843,750 to \$3,656,250

Through	Expended	Additional Obligated	Total
11/2025	\$2,801,435	\$54,152	\$2,855,588

- ▶ The State Clean Diesel Grant Program provides rebates for replacing old diesel buses, with new cleaner buses.
- ▶ DERA funds, VW C10 funds, DERA bonus funds, and VW C2 funds have been used.
- ▶ Rebate percentages have been 25% or 35% depending on fuel type of replacement bus, this is a DERA requirement.
- ▶ Round 18 opened in November 2025 and the agreements will be signed by February 2026. This will use remaining DERA funds and additional VW C10 funds.

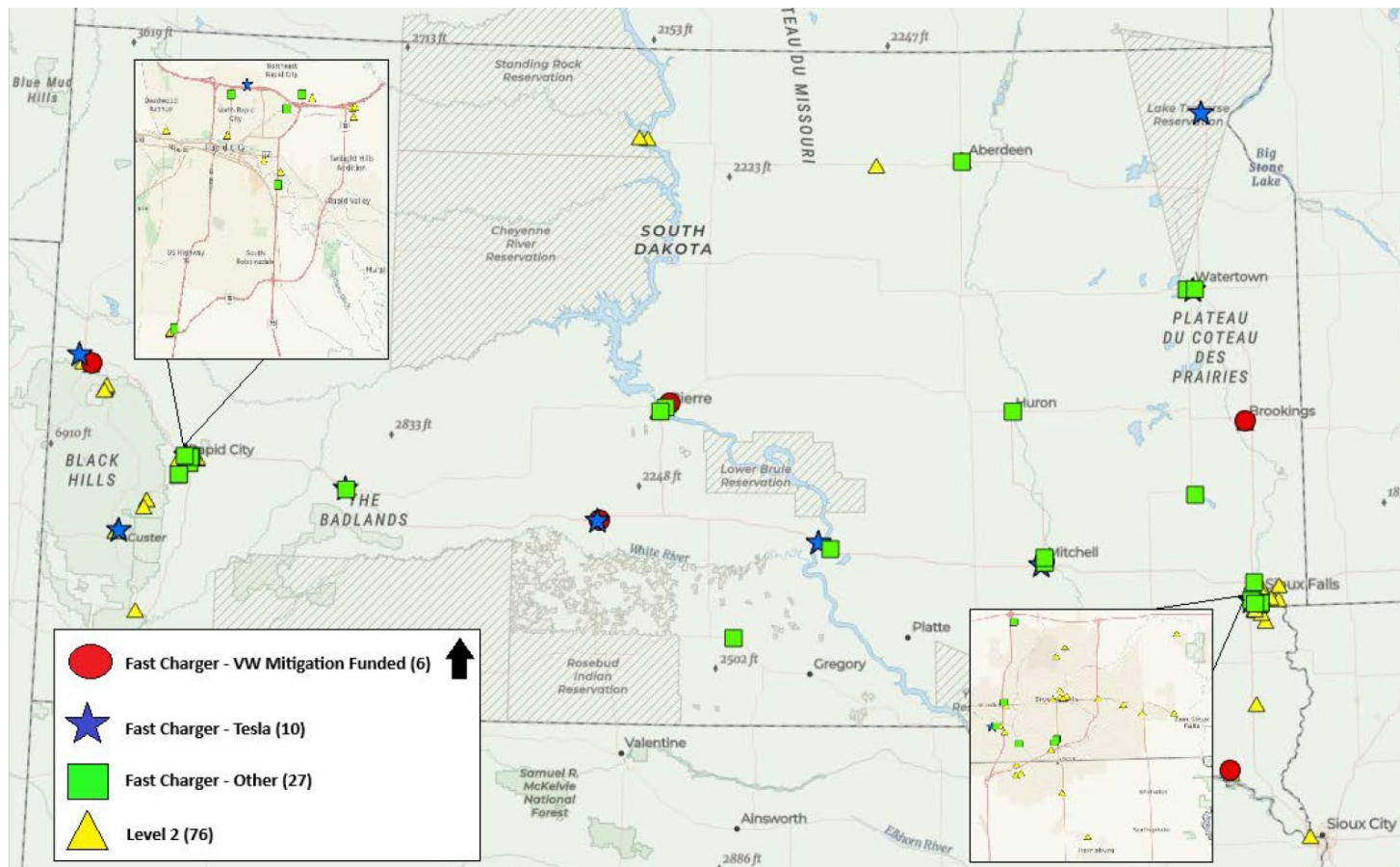
Electric Vehicle Charging Stations – VW C9

Category	Eligible Mitigation Action	Current % Range	Allotted Amount
9	Light Duty ZEV Supply Equipment	10 to 15%	\$812,500 to \$1,218,750

Through	Expended	Additional Obligated	Total
11/2024	\$592,007	\$409,065	\$1,001,072

- ▶ Maximum allowed for this category 15%.
- ▶ Rebate percentage up to 80% per charging station and installation.
- ▶ For round one, one of seven awarded charging stations completed. (Mitchell)
- ▶ For round two, five of eight awarded charging stations completed. (Vermillion, Pierre, Brookings, Murdo, and Spearfish)
- ▶ For round three, three of five awarded charging stations to be completed by May 2026. (Mobridge, Lemmon, and Hot Springs).

Existing Public EV Charging Stations (12/31/2024)



Data from the Alternative Fuels Data Center Website <https://afdc.energy.gov/stations/#/find/nearest>

Changes from last year:
Three additional Other Fast Charging Stations – Current Total 30

Administrative Costs– Admin

Category	Eligible Mitigation Action	Current % Range	Allotted Amount	Expended through 11/2025
Admin	Administrative Costs	2.5 to 10%	\$203,125 to \$812,500	\$ 346,069

Funding Summary

Category	Eligible Mitigation Action	Current % Range	Allotted Amount	Total Expended or Obligated
1/6	Class 8/Class 4-7 Local Freight Trucks	35 to 45%	\$2,843,750 to \$3,656,250	\$3,633,922
2/10	Class 4-8 Buses /DERA Option	35 to 45%	\$2,843,750 to \$3,656,250	\$2,855,588
9	Light Duty ZEV Supply Equipment	10 to 15%	\$812,500 to \$1,218,750	\$1,001,072
Admin	Administrative Costs	2.5 to 10%	\$203,125 to \$812,500	\$346,069
Total VW Trust		100%	\$8,125,000	\$7,836,651

- Of the \$8,125,000 available, \$7,836,651 has been expended or obligated = 96%. Remaining funds = \$8,125,000 – \$7,836,651 = \$288,349 for Round 18 buses and admin.

What's Next

- ▶ At this time, we are not recommending any modifications to the plan.
 - We will wait and see if EV Charging Stations are completed.
 - While in the Trust, SD has earned almost \$706,000 in interest.
 - After the 10-year anniversary, there may be an opportunity for supplemental funding from the Trust.

More Information

<https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/AirQuality/VolkswagenTrust/VWEVCS.aspx>





**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
and NATURAL RESOURCES**

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December 30, 2025

MEMO TO: Members of the Board of Minerals and Environment

FROM: *qw* Jim Wendte, Administrator, Waste Management Program

SUBJECT: Solid Waste Permit Actions

Listed below are the solid waste permit actions since my last memo dated November 6, 2024. In addition, I want to use this opportunity to announce my retirement which will be effective on January 8th. Kayla Fawcett, currently with the DANR Inspection, Compliance, and Remediation Program, has been named my replacement. Kayla will do a great job leading the Waste Management Program going forward.

Individual Permits Public Noticed and Issued

1. American Colloid (Belle Fourche) – construction and demolition debris disposal site (five-year renewal)
2. Friessen Construction (Sioux Falls) – construction and demolition debris disposal site (five-year renewal)
3. City of Freeman – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
4. City of Platte – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
5. Charles Mix County (Wagner) – construction and demolition debris disposal site (five-year renewal)
6. City of Herreid – yard waste compost site (five-year renewal)
7. City of White River – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
8. Richard Weaver (Wessington Springs) – waste tire storage and processing site (five-year renewal)
9. JSP Sanitation (Worthing) – municipal solid waste transfer station (five-year renewal)
10. City of Alexandria – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
11. Gregory County (Burke) – restricted use site, municipal solid waste transfer station, and petroleum-contaminated soil treatment (five-year renewal)
12. City of Estelline – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
13. Brown County (Aberdeen) – municipal solid waste landfill (five-year renewal)
14. City of Hecla – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
15. Town of Midland – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
16. City of Castlewood – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
17. City of Springfield – lime sludge monofill/disposal (five-year renewal)
18. City of Redfield – restricted use site and petroleum-contaminated soil treatment (five-year renewal)
19. City of Herreid – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
20. City of Tyndall – yard waste compost site (five-year renewal)

21. City of Miller – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
22. City of Pierre – municipal solid waste landfill (five-year renewal)
23. Town of Gayville – yard waste compost site (five-year renewal)
24. City of Valley Springs – yard waste compost site (five-year renewal)
25. City of Winner – restricted use site and petroleum contaminated-soil treatment (five-year renewal)
26. City of Faith – restricted use site (five-year renewal)

Individual Permit Amendment Public Noticed and Issued

1. Town of Andover – restricted use site amendment to add yard waste composting
2. City of Edgemont – restricted use site amendment to allow carcass burial
3. T&R Electric Supply (Colman) – resource recovery facility expansion of permitted property
4. Town of Rosholt – restricted use site amendment to add yard waste composting

General Permit Authorizations Issued

1. City of Winner – municipal solid waste transfer station (five-year renewal)
2. Dakota Protein Solutions (Freeman) – process wastewater storage and land application (five-year renewal)
3. Town of Roscoe – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
4. Dakota Mill & Grain (Philip) – restricted use site (two-year initial)
5. City of Onida – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
6. City of De Smet – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
7. Town of Pickstown – restricted use site (five-year renewal)
8. City of Plankinton – restricted use site (five-year renewal)