



**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

November 20, 2025

10:00 a.m. Central Time

Call to order and roll call

Approve agenda

Approve minutes from September 17, 2025, meeting

Mining issues consent calendar – Tom Cline

Christine Hamilton site 849001 and Oacoma Township site 1033001 Release of Liability – Bret Graves

Release of reclamation liability and surety for American Colloid Mine Permit 475 – Eric Holm

Request to extend period of final reclamation after completion of mining for James Dean, Small Scale Mine Permit 453 – Eric Holm

Transfer of Exploration Notice of Intent 447 from SDO Services, LLC to Longview Minerals LLC – Roberta Hudson

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
Mineral Palace Hotel and Gaming – Gem Theater Room
604 Main Street
Deadwood, South Dakota

September 17, 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.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Glenn Blumhardt, Bob Ewing, Gregg Greenfield, Gary Haag, Doyle Karpen, Rhett Miller, and Laurie Schultz.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Bob Morris and Jessica Gruenwald.

OTHERS PRESENT: See attached attendance sheet.

APPROVE AGENDA: Motion by Karpen, seconded by Greenfield, to add “Executive Session” to the meeting agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Greenfield, seconded by Karpen, to approve the agenda, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVE MINUTES FROM JULY 17, 2025, MEETING: Motion by Ewing, seconded by Karpen, to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025, Board of Minerals and Environment meeting. 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 Schultz, seconded by Miller, to approve the consent calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

ANNUAL REVIEW OF OPEN MEETING LAWS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SDCL 1-25-13: Prior to the meeting the board members were provided with a copy of the brochure “Conducting the Public's Business in Public” revised in 2025 as published on the Attorney General’s website <https://atg.sd.gov/docs/July%202025OpenMeetingsLaw.pdf>. The board was also provided with copies of SB74 and HB1059.

HB1059 modified the definition of an official meeting to expand the definition to include electronic mail, instant messaging, social media, text messaging, or virtual meeting to the definition.

In SB74, a section was added to SDCL 1-11-1 to include that the Attorney General's Office would publish on its website an explanation of the open meeting laws each year before January 1. The bill also established that state agencies and public subdivisions, including boards and commissions, must annually review the published explanation and other information during an official meeting and include an acknowledgement that it completed this review in the official meeting minutes.

David McVey, Assistant Attorney General, explained the open meeting laws and answered questions.

Chairman Blumhardt acknowledged that the board had completed the annual review of the open meeting law.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD IN ACCORDANCE WITH SDCL 1-25-1: The following offered public comments regarding mining issues and the board's tour: Dr. Liliias Jarding, Chase Iron Eyes, Rich Bell, and Carla Marshall, all from Rapid City.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS: The next meeting is November 20, 2025.

Mike Lees, DANR Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program, provided the attendees with instructions and maps showing the location of the sites to be toured.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 10:30 a.m. Ewing made a motion, seconded by Haag, to enter into executive session to consult with legal counsel about pending litigation pursuant to SDCL 1-25-2(3). Motion carried unanimously.

The board exited executive session at 10:45 a.m. No board action was taken.

TOUR: From 11:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. the board, staff, and members of the public toured the Gilt Edge Mine, Richmond Hill Mine, and DTRC exploration areas. At 5:30 Dakota Gold provided an informational presentation at its office in the Round House in Lead.

ADJOURN: Chairman Blumhardt declared the meeting adjourned following Dakota Gold's presentation.

Secretary, Board of Minerals
and Environment

Date

ATTENDANCE SHEET
BOARD OF MINERALS AND ENVIRONMENT
DATE 9-17-25 - Meeting

<u>NAME (PLEASE PRINT)</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Jasmin McCauley		Wharf
Eric Holm	Pierre	DANR
Bret Graves	Pierre	DANR
Thomas Clive Jr	Pierre	DANR
Sherry Boas Smith	Memò	Eagle Cliff Ski Assn.
Dwayne LaFave	Maitland	Black Hills Green Water Alliance
Mika Lees	Pura	DANR
Phil Neshitt	Rapid City	DANR
Robert Hudson	Pierre	DANR
Greg Brantley	Sioux Falls	DAND
Rick Bell	Rapid	DRA
David M. H. H.	in h	Self
Keith Rushing		Earthjustice
Tom O'Connor	Custer SD	Self
Lilise Jandig	RC, SD	Self
Chase Irons	RC, SD	Sioux Nation
J. SUNDBY	RC SD	ASSIGNMENT
Carla R. Marshall	RC, SD	Self
TAYLOR GUNHAMMER	RCSD	NDN
Daveon Coleman	Mayland	earthjustice
Denise Giago	Rapid City	Self
Blaine Miller - McFeeley		Earthjustice
June Reilly	Lead	Self

ATTENDANCE SHEET
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NAME (PLEASE PRINT)

ADDRESS

REPRESENTING

Jim Alcorn
Tahatawin Iron Eys

342 W. Lincoln, Spearfish SD
70 Little Pejuta Rd., Pine Ridge

N/A

Consent Calendar
South Dakota Board of Minerals & Environment

September 17, 2025

September 17, 2025					
<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>					
Meade County Highway Dept. Sturgis, SD	83-113		Exempt	NA	Transfer liability
		113051	Section 4; T5N-R6E and S1/2 SE1/4 Section 33; T6N-R6E, Meade County		
Transfer to:					
North Star Construction, Inc. Spearfish, SD	22-1114		\$11,000	First Interstate Bank – Spearfish, SD	
<u>Surety Release:</u>					
Marlene Pajl Winner, SD	92-463		\$1,000	First Fidelity Bank – Winner, SD	Release \$1,000
		License Only			
Ries Brothers, LLC Watertown, SD	14-976		\$1,000	First Premier Bank – Sioux Falls, SD	Release \$1,000
		License Only			
<u>Release of Liability & Surety Release</u>					
Chris Novotny Winner, SD	92-465		\$500	First National Bank – Pierre, SD	Release Liability & \$1,000
			\$500	First National Bank – Winner, SD	
		465001	Section 2; T98N-R78W, Tripp County		

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<u>Release of Liability & Surety Release</u>					
James R Schoenhard Wood, SD	83-175		\$1,000 \$2,000	First National Bank – Pierre, SD	Release Liability & \$3,000
		175001	SE1/4 Section 1; T103N-R72W, Brule County		
<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
BDM Gravel LLC Roscoe, SD	20-1071		\$20,000	Plains Commerce Bank Aberdeen, SD	Release Liability
		1071002	SE1/4 Section 8; T124N-R72W, Edmunds County		
Dakota Earthworks Inc. Sioux Falls, SD	05-809		\$20,000	North American Specialty Insurance Co. – Manchester, NH	Release Liability
		809005	NW1/4 SW1/4 and NW1/4 Section 23; T95N-R52W, Clay County		
Dakota Road Builders Slayton, MN	83-240		\$20,000	Western Surety Company Sioux Falls, SD	Release Liability
		240020	NW1/4 Section 5; T105N-R49W, Moody County		
Fall River County Highway Dept. Hot Springs, SD	83-19		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		19044	SE1/4 Section 10; 7S-R4E, Fall River County		

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<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
First Rate Excavate Inc. Sioux Falls, SD	05-817		\$20,000	North American Specialty Insurance Co. Sioux Falls, SD	Release Liability
		817005	NE1/4 Section 29;	T110N-R51W, Brookings, County	
Fisher Sand & Gravel Company Dickinson, ND	83-54		\$20,000	Liberty Mutual Insurance Company Boston, MA	Release Liability
		54119	NE1/4 Section 25;	T113N-R75W, Sully County	
Florence Township Miller, SD	87-347		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		347001	SE1/4 Section 12;	T114N-R68W, Hand County	
Mondamin Township Miller, SD	85-295		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		295001	SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 25;	T109N-R69W, Hand County	
Oldcastle Materials Group Midwest – Des Moines, IA	83-42		\$20,000	Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland Schaumburg, IL	Release Liability
		42012	SE1/4 Section 20;	T2N-R14E, Pennington County	
		42023	Lot 5,6,7,8 Section 35;	T2N-R14E, Pennington County	

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<u>Release of Liability:</u>					
Sweet Township Menno, SD	25-1148		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		1148001	Section 10; T96N-R57W, Yankton County		
Vermillion Township Canova, SD	97-630		Exempt	NA	Release Liability
		630001	SE1/4 Section 28; T105N-R55W, Miner County		
Western Construction Inc. Rapid City, SD	09-880		\$20,000	Western Surety Company Chicago, IL	Release Liability
		880017	SW1/4 NE1/4 and NW1/4 SE1/4 Section 35; T2N-R14E, Pennington County		

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<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		
		549009	NW1/4 Section 4; T111N-R62W, Beadle County		

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<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		

Werner Pit Timeline

The landowner allowed mining activities at the site prior to the enactment of SDCL 45-6 in 1983. Pre-law operators did not preserve topsoil at the site, so the site had no topsoil when licensed mining activities commenced in 1992.

Timeline of Mining Licenses and Transfers:

03/24/1992 – Lyman County Highway Department received Mine License #215006.

04/15/1992 – Ed Byre & Sons (now Dana Byre) received Mine License #266001.

09/19/2007 – Ed Byre & Sons closed License #266001 and transferred reclamation liability to Lyman County Highway Department License #215006.

01/29/2008 – Christine Hamilton received Mine License #849001.

10/18/2018 – Lyman County Highway Department transferred its reclamation liability to the Oacoma Township Mine License #1033001.

Spring 2025 – Christine Hamilton and Oacoma Township hired a contractor to grade the pit and slope the highwalls.

07/08/2025 –

- Onsite inspection conducted at Christine Hamilton site #849001
- Onsite inspection conducted at Oacoma Township site #1033001

Reclamation Notes:

Vegetation was removed by pre-law operators and no topsoil was stockpiled for future reclamation. Due to this historical context, the department is not requiring the current operators to replace topsoil they never removed. However, all highwalls have been properly sloped and the pit floor has been graded, leaving the site in significantly better condition than when licensed mining began in 1992. A small stockpile of material remains onsite for the landowner's personal use.

Visual Documentation:

The following pages include photographs comparing active mining conditions in 2007 and 2017 with post-reclamation conditions in 2025.

Boyce

LAW FIRM LLP

pwtschetter@boycelaw.com
Direct Dial: 605-731-0205

August 27, 2025

South Dakota Department of
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Attn: Julie Smith, Senior Secretary
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Department of
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Attn: Glenn Blumhardt, Chair of Minerals
and Environment Board
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Hal Werner – Lyman County Mine Reclamation
Our File Number: 15796.001

Dear Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Minerals and Environment Board:

Please be advised that this law firm has been retained to represent Hal Werner regarding gravel mine reclamation and other issues related to real property he owns in Lyman County.

Hal Werner has not provided any release of reclamation liability related to the mine sites as requested by correspondence from the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources (“Department”) earlier this year. It is believed that Christine Hamilton, Lyman County, Oacoma Township, the Department, and/or another third party remains responsible for reclamation of the mine sites.

Until a greater review of historical information can be completed to determine the proper party responsible for reclamation of the mine sites, I request that no action be taken with respect to mine sites owned by Hal Werner in Lyman County at the September 17 and 18, 2025 meeting of the Minerals and Environment Board (“Board”).

Please confirm receipt of this correspondence and that the Board will not take any action regarding these mine sites at the September 2025 meeting at your earliest possible convenience. Should you have any questions regarding this letter or would like to discuss in greater detail, please feel free to call my office.

Sincerely,

BOYCE LAW FIRM, L.L.P.



Paul W. Tschetter

cc Client
Tom Cline (via email)
Bret Graves (via email)

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LAW FIRM LLP

pwtschetter@boycelaw.com
Direct Dial: 605-731-0205

November 7, 2025

South Dakota Department of
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Attn: Julie Smith, Senior Secretary
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

South Dakota Department of
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Attn: Glenn Blumhardt, Chair of Minerals
and Environment Board
523 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: Hal Werner – Lyman County Mine Reclamation
Our File Number: 15796.001

Dear Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Minerals and Environment Board:

Please be advised that this law firm has been retained to represent Hal Werner regarding gravel mine reclamation and other issues related to real property he owns in Lyman County. Please direct all future correspondence regarding this matter to my attention.

Hal Werner intends to seek a contested hearing pursuant to SDCL 45-6B-88 and SD Administrative Rules Articles 74:09 and 74:29 related to the release of reclamation responsibility as proposed by the Department. In order to allow adverse parties sufficient time to respond to the contested case as provided in SD Administrative Rule 74:09:01:03, I request that this matter be removed from the Board's agenda for the upcoming meeting on November 20, 2025.

Please confirm receipt of this correspondence and that the Board will not take any action regarding these mine sites at the November 2025 meeting at your earliest possible convenience. Please advise of the next meeting of the Board so that we can be prepared to move forward with a contested hearing at that time or whether the Board would prefer to schedule a contested hearing at a time separate from an upcoming Board meeting.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or would like to discuss in greater detail, please feel free to contact me directly at the telephone number above.

Sincerely,

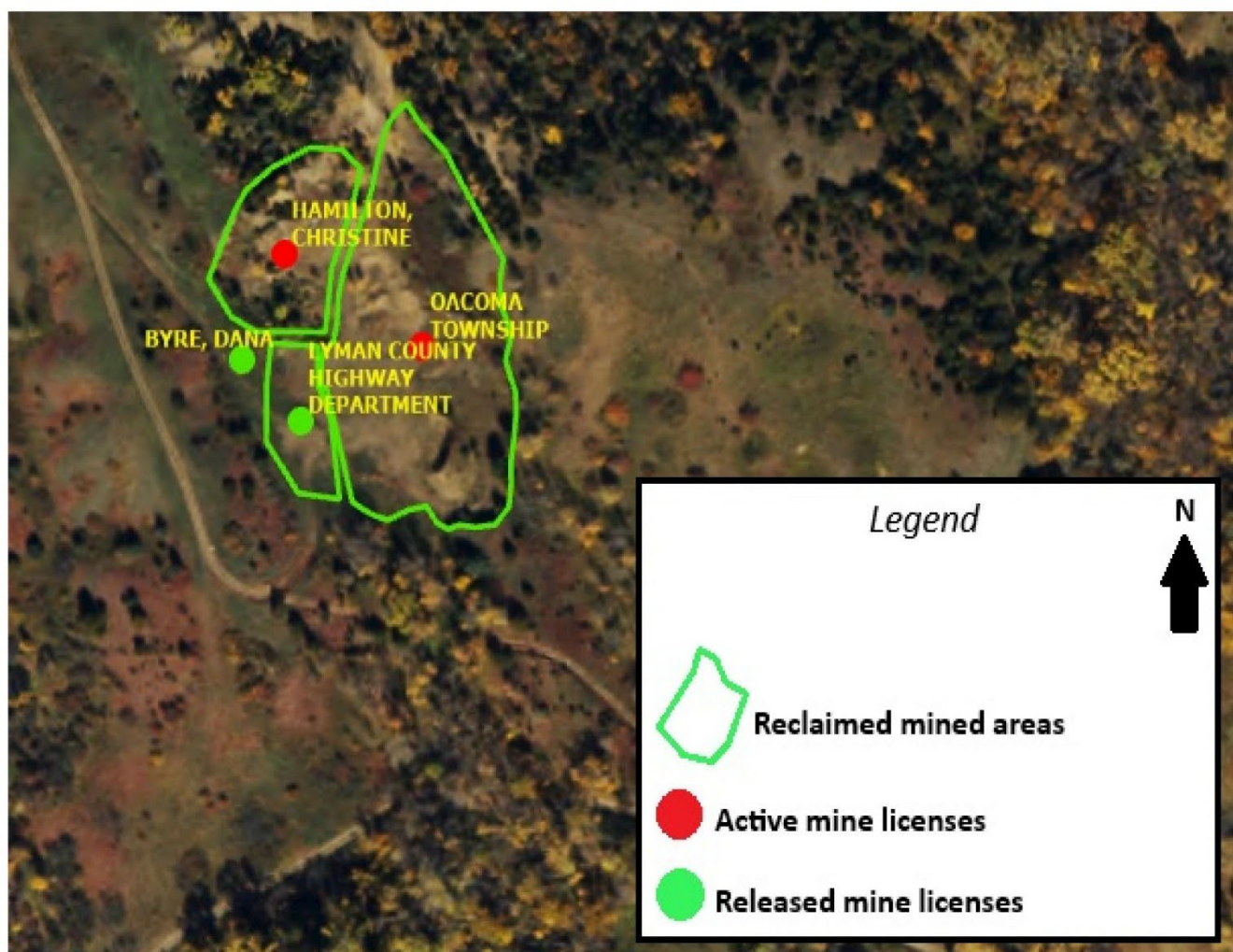
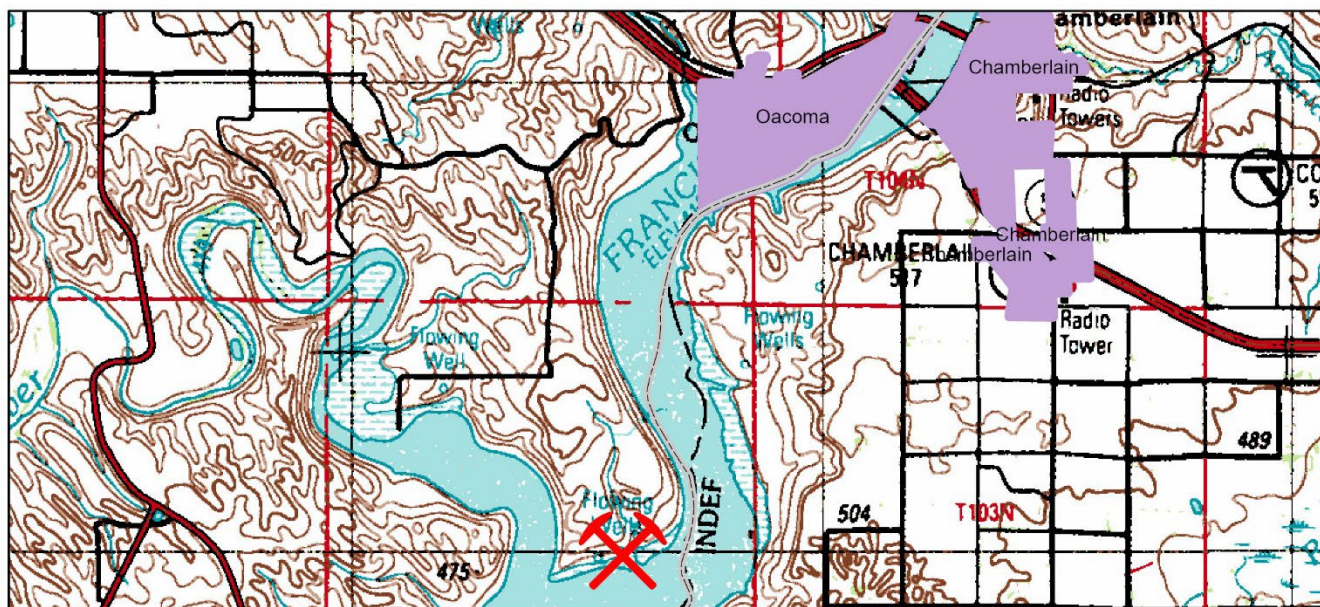
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Bret Graves (via email)

Christine Hamilton site 849001
Oacoma Township site 1033001











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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.

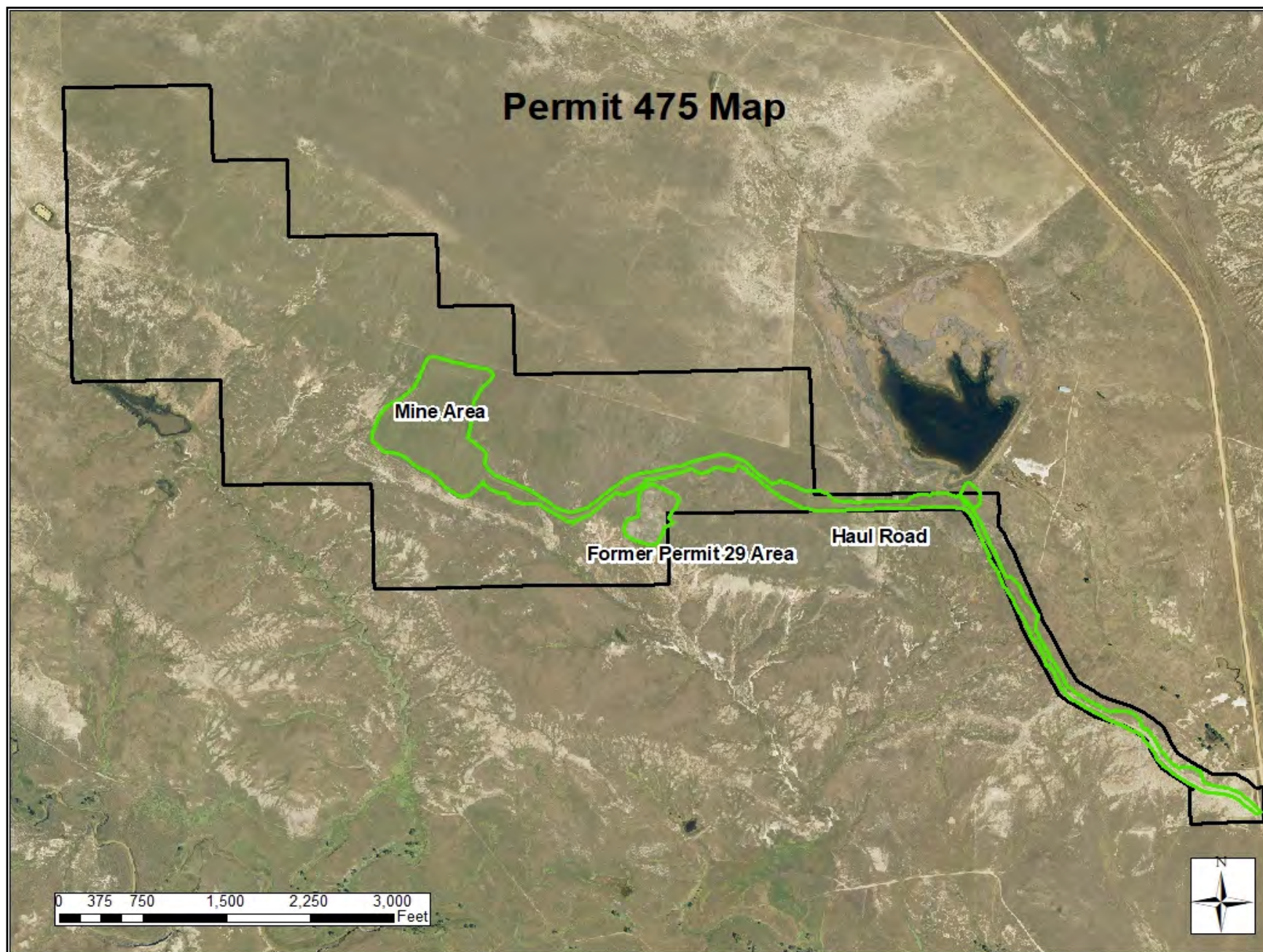
South Dakota Department of Agriculture
and Natural Resources

**American Colloid Company
Release of Reclamation Liability &
Surety – Mine Permit 475**

November 20, 2025

Davis South Mine

- Mine Permit 475 issued June 22, 2010
- 253.7 permitted affected acres
- 39.7 acres disturbed and reclaimed
- Portions of Sections 3, 4, 9, and 10; T11N-R2E
- 17.5 miles north of Belle Fourche
- Rangeland for grazing postmine land use



DANR Final Inspection of Reclaimed Area

- Final inspection conducted August 20, 2025
- Final inspection results:
 - Required earthmoving, topsoil placement, and seeding completed in fall 2013
 - Area returned to rangeland for grazing
 - Release area exceeds 40 percent vegetative requirement and has self sustaining cover
 - No erosion or noxious weed infestations

Reclaimed Area Vegetative Cover

- Compared vegetative cover of reclaimed area to adjacent undisturbed reference area
- Average live vegetative cover results:
 - 52.4 percent in reclaimed areas
 - 49.6 percent in adjacent undisturbed reference area
 - Species in seed mix noted includes western, crested, and slender wheatgrasses and yellow sweetclover



Reclaimed mine area, looking west





Reclaimed mine area, looking north



Comparison between reclaimed land (foreground) and undisturbed land (background)



Reclaimed haul road, looking east



Reclaimed mine area, looking west

Former Permit 29 Area

- Spotty vegetative cover in reclaimed 2.12 acre Small Scale Mine Permit 29 area
- A portion of Permit 29 area was planned to be redisturbed during mining under Large Scale Mine Permit 475
- Potential to improve vegetative cover in area
- Area not redisturbed, seeded with millet



Livestock Grazing Production

- ARSD 74:29:07:20(1)
 - Requires reclaimed affected land to support livestock carrying capacity similar to surrounding or reference area
- Baseline data showed pre-mine forage production of 0.25 animal unit months/acre
- Sampling of reclaimed area showed post-mine forage production of 0.26 animal unit months per acre

Livestock Grazing Production

- Based on 130 ewes with lambs grazing area from July 1 to August 1 for two years
- Area meets requirements of ARSD 74:29:07:20(1)
- Landowner signed letter on August 26, 2025 stating there is more desirable forage in reclaimed area than pre-mining area.

Release of Reclamation Liability

DANR Recommendation:

- Approve American Colloid Company's request for release of 39.7 acres of reclaimed land and \$10,000 reclamation surety.

Postclosure Period

DANR Recommendation:

- No postclosure period needed
 - No water treatment
 - Diverse and self-sustaining vegetative cover in existence
 - Area in its 12th growing season
 - No erosion or noxious weed issues

September 23, 2025

RECEIVED

SEP 29 2025

MINERALS & MINING PROGRAM

Dakota Stone Mining & Stone Supply
23863 Palmer Gulch Rd.
Hill City, SD 57745

Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources

Board of Minerals and Environment,
Small Scale Mine Permit 453

We have decided to no longer mine this permitted area. I would like an extension of the reclamation for two years. We plan to do the reclamation some time next year. The site is in good shape right now, with 20% reclaimed. The area was logged by the Forest Service and the thistle is still not controlled. I am hoping that by next year the thistle will let up some before I seed the area.

Thank You,
James Dean

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'James Dean', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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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>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	