

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Notice and Agenda

March 4, 2025

Time: 02:00 p.m. – Conclusion

Location: Lignite Energy Council
1016 E Owens Ave
Bismarck, ND 58501

Re: Lignite Energy Council Quarterly Meeting

Agenda:

Discussion of status of current projects, permitting activities, etc. at mines and plants.

Permitting

Federal Coal Leasing/Mine Plan Approval

Program Amendments Submitted to OSM in 2022

Miscellaneous

AML Activities

2025 AML Projects

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**Reclamation and AML Topics
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Permitting

- We currently have four insignificant and five significant permit revisions under review
- American Colloid is planning to add 1175 acres to their existing permit area near Reeder.
- We have six pending bond release applications: two at the Freedom Mine for 162 acres and 378 acres; two at the Center Mine for 17 acres and 197 acres; one at the Falkirk Mine for 394 acres; and one at the Beulah Mine for 3,268 acres.

Federal Coal Leasing/Mine Plan Approval

- Mine plan approval documents for Revision 28 to NACT-0201 at the Freedom Mine were submitted to OSM on October 4, 2024

Program Amendments submitted to OSM in 2022

- No updates

Miscellaneous

- We are in the process of updating our MOU with the Department of Water Resources. DWR has a goal to have the MOU finalized by May.

AML Activities

2025 AML Projects:

- 2025 Exploratory Drilling Project is under construction in New Salem. Numerous mine voids have been found along Ash Ave. This site will likely be a future grouting project.
- 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 Project is a surface mine project south of Velva. The IFB will be posted on state procurement in March. Construction is expected to begin this summer.
- 2025 Lehigh Phase X & Scranton Phase IV is a drilling and grouting project near Dickinson and Scranton. The IFB will be posted on state procurement in March. Construction is expected to begin this summer.
- 2025 Sinkhole Filling and Maintenance project will begin this spring at various sites across western North Dakota.

- AML Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) funding was temporarily paused by an executive order from Trump but it is now available.