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RE: Pre-renewal Comment Response for American Colloid Company's Leonardite Permit ACPG-9701 near Gascoyne, ND.

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

Please find enclosed a CD providing electronic files of Permit ACPG-9701 Revision 8. Revision 8 is Renewal 3 of the permit and this submittal provides response to the Public Service Commission's pre-renewal comments included as an attachment to this letter.

Revision 7 of this permit (Tompkins Amendment) is in progress and is not considered in Revision 8 per the Commission's directive. In certain areas where Revision 7 placeholders were required to prevent gaps in file nomenclature the revision is identified as "Pending".

In an attempt to resolve a previously expressed concern over yellow highlight not showing up on printed HTML files we used brown text, however this did not ultimately resolve the problem so a pencil icon is used to identify html links that include modified text.

We look forward to your review and comment on the renewal document. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (605) 892-7178 or melody.smith@colloid.com.

Sincerely,
AMERICAN COLLOID COMPANY