

**Public Service Commission  
Reclamation Division**

**Memorandum**

To: Commissioners Fedorchak, Christmann, and Kalk  
Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary  
Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco and John Schuh

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Date: April 1, 2015

Subject: Application for Revision No. 6 to Permit No. GRGR-0501 held by Leonardite Products, LLC, Case No. RC-14-847

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On December 15, 2014 Leonardite Products, LLC filed the application for Revision No. 6 to Surface Coal Mining Permit No. GRGR-0501 to delete 14.28 acres of undisturbed land from the permit. This land is being deleted from the permit to facilitate construction of an oil well drill pad by an independent third party. The Reclamation Division has completed its review of this revision application and respectfully recommends its approval.

The 14.28 acre parcel being deleted from the permit is described by the metes and bounds attached to the approval form and is depicted on attached Figure 1. It should be noted that the tract being deleted from the permit was not scheduled to be mined. Also depicted on Figure 1 is the 111.15 acre parcel that will remain in the permit for continued leonardite mining. Reclamation Division staff have inspected the acreage proposed for deletion to verify that the parcel has not been disturbed by any of Leonardite Products, LLC's mining or reclamation activities. Construction laths marking the interior deletion boundary corners were observed during the November 14, 2014 Stony Creek Mine inspection. GPS points collected at lath markers with a tablet computer were used to verify the metes and bounds description. Four subsequent monthly inspections have confirmed that the deletion parcel remains undisturbed by any of Leonardite Products, LLC's mining or reclamation activities.

This revision application was considered an insignificant revision application but requires Commission approval because of the acreage deletion. No monetary bond adjustment is necessary as a result of this revision, but following approval Leonardite Products, LLC will need to submit SFN 19366 Collateral Bond Rider to Reduce Bond Area and Amount to remove the acres deleted from the bond area.

Attached for your consideration is the proposed motion for the April 8<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting and the revision approval form.

**Attachments**

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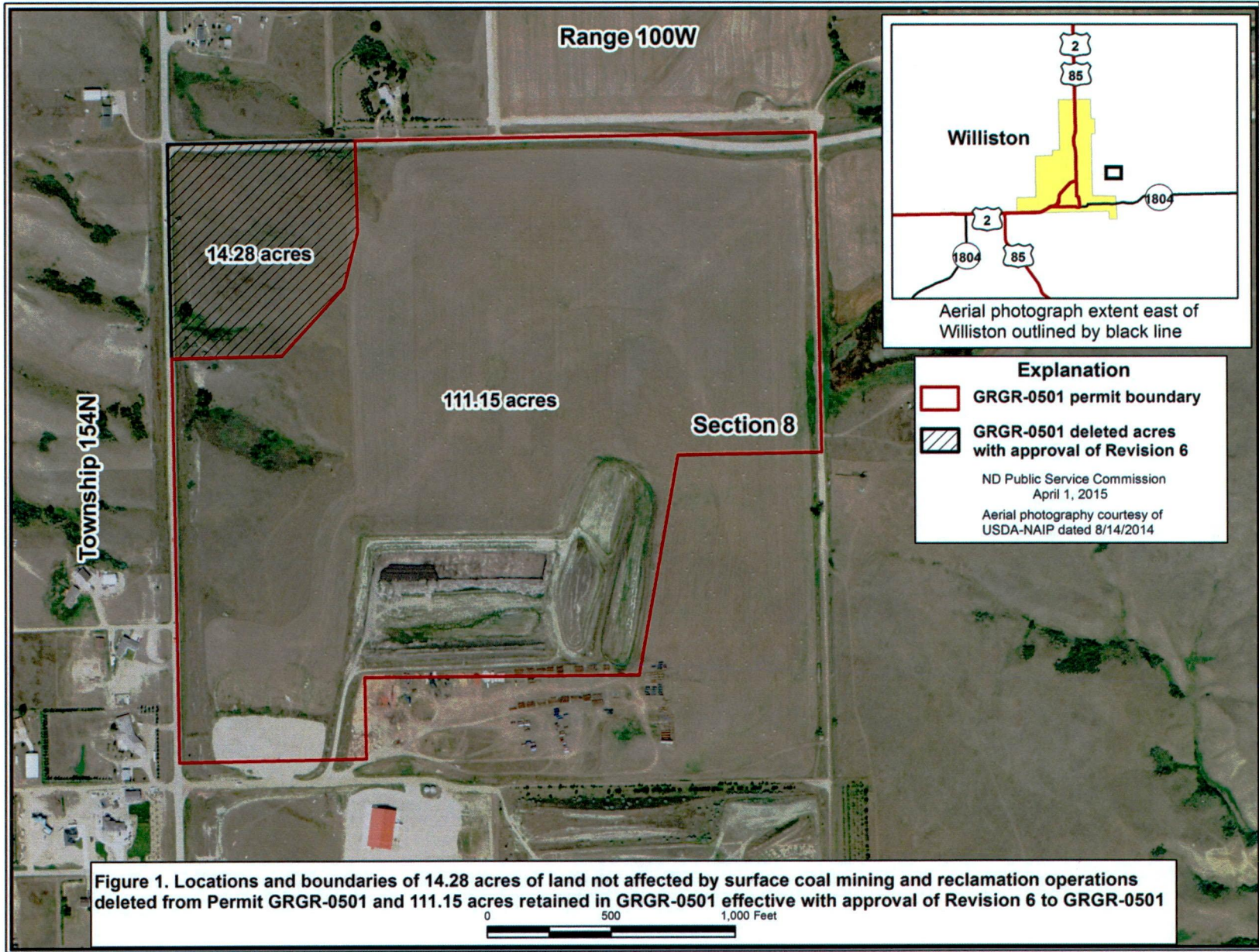


Figure 1. Locations and boundaries of 14.28 acres of land not affected by surface coal mining and reclamation operations deleted from Permit GRGR-0501 and 111.15 acres retained in GRGR-0501 effective with approval of Revision 6 to GRGR-0501

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