

LEONARDITE PRODUCTS-LLC

September 4, 2015

James R. Deutsch, Director
Reclamation Division
Public Service Commission
600 East Boulevard Ave. Dept. 408
Bismarck, ND 58505-0480

Renewal Application

Stony Creek Mine GRGR-0501
Section 8, Township 154N, Range 100W
Williams County
111.15 acres

Dear Director Deutsch,

Enclosed is an Affidavit of Publication from the Williston Herald for the Notice of Application for Revision 7 and Renewal 2 of Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Permit Application.

This notice ran among the public notices on August 6, 13, 20 and 27.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cherie Harms". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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Affidavit of Publication

State of North Dakota)
:SS.
County of Williams)

Leah Ann Kleber being first
duly sworn, deposes and says: That (he) (she) is the Agent to
the Publisher of the WILLISTON HERALD a newspaper printed
and published six days a week in the county of Williams, State of
, and of general circulation in the city of Williston,
Williams, State of North Dakota and elsewhere, and
tached.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REVISION 7 AND RENEWAL 2 OF SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS PERMIT APPLICATION

Please take notice that Leonardite Products, LLC, PO Box 548 Williston, ND 58802 as applicant has made an application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for revision seven and renewal two of their Surface Mining and Reclamation Operations Permit.

The permit area, GRGR-0501 is located in the West 1/2 of Section 8, T154N, R100W, Williams County, ND. The revision to this permit identifies the five-year commercial leonardite removal subarea to be mined during the next five year permit term. This revision outlines the sequence and timing of the mining, reclamation and worst case bonding corresponding with the identified subareas. The precise location and boundary of the permit area is depicted below. This application for renewal encompasses 111.15 acres in permit GRGR-0501 issued to Leonardite Products, LLC for commercial leonardite excavation, mining and associated disturbance activities in support thereof for the next five-year permit term, November 2, 2015 to November 2, 2020.

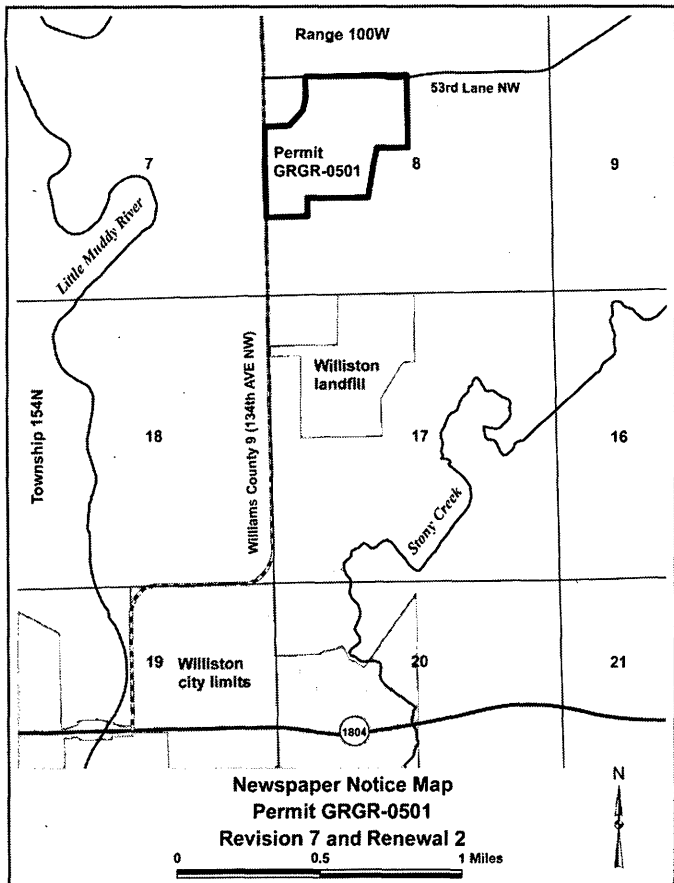
Leonardite Products, LLC's application is on file at the offices of the North Dakota Public Service Commission, Capitol Building, Bismarck, North Dakota and at the office of the County Auditor, Williams County Courthouse, Williston, ND. Leonardite Products' renewal seven and revision two application is available for public inspection therein during normal business hours.

Any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected may file written comments, objections, or request an informal conference on Leonardite Products' renewal seven and revision two with the North Dakota Public Service Commission Reclamation Division, 600 East Blvd. Ave, Department 408, Bismarck, ND 58505-0480 within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference must include the reason for the request.

Below is the legal description and name of the apparent surface and commercial leonardite owners of land included within the permit area.

Williams County, Township 154 North, Range 100 West

Section	Location	Surface Owner	Commercial Leonardite Owner
8	S1/2NW1/4; N1/2SW1/4;	Ellis-Olsen, LLC	United States of America



**Newspaper Notice Map
Permit GRGR-0501
Revision 7 and Renewal 2**

(August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2015)

**Application for Revision 7 and Renewal 2
of Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Permit
in Township 154 North, Range 100 West**

and published correctly in the regular and
of said WILLISTON HERALD FOR 4
the first was made on the 6th day of
August 20 15 that said publication
each of the following dates to wit:

- 8/13/15
- 8/20/15
- 8/27/15

Leonardite Products, LLC

Williston Herald
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[Signature]
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of
August 20 15

**AMANDA LARSON
Notary Public
State of North Dakota
Commission Expires Jan 29, 2021**

[Signature]

in and for the County of Williams, State of North

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