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**To:** 'cherie@leonarditeproducts.com'  
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**Subject:** The PSC deems the applications for Revision No. 9 and Renewal No. 3 to Permit GRGR-0501 complete and grants approval to begin newspaper notice publication.  
**Attachments:** PSC approved GRGR-0501 Legal Ad 2020.07.16.pdf

Cherie:

We are following-up to a recent telephone conversation regarding Leonardite Products, LLC's July 14, 2020 responses to our June 29, 2020 completeness review letter for the applications of Revision No. 9 and Renewal No. 3 to Permit GRGR-0501 at the Stony Creek Mine. Leonardite Products, LLC has addressed the completeness review items. The Reclamation Division deems the applications complete and grants approval to begin newspaper notice publication once a week for four consecutive weeks in the Williston Herald. A copy of the approved notice is attached. We understand that notice publication will begin the week of July 20-24, 2020. Please provide us with the publication dates as soon as they have been arranged. As required by NDCC 38-14.1-18-1, please submit the affidavits of publication when complete. A letter will follow to document approval granted in this email.

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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**Subject:** Rev. 9/Ren. 3 to GRGR-0501

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Email to Leonardite Products deeming the revision and renewal applications complete  
Public Service Commission  
Bill Gunnerson

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*Legal Ad- for Leonardite Products*  
*Submitted with pre-renewal*  
*Size: 2 columns (3.625 inches x 10 inches)*  
*Black and White*

Headline:

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

Body copy:

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 9 and Renewal 3 of their Surface Mining and Reclamation Operations Permit.

The permit area, GRGR-0501 is located in Section 8 T154N, R100 W, 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. The revision also updates the environmental resource information, the sequence and timing of the mining, reclamation plans and worse case bonding. The precise location and boundary of the permit area is depicted below. This application for renewal encompasses 96 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 of November 2, 2020 to November 2, 2025.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a copy of the permit revision and renewal applications will not be available for review at the Public Service Commission, State Capitol, Bismarck, ND, or the Williams County Auditor's office. Those wishing to review the revision and renewal applications may request copies by contacting the Public Service Commission at 701-328-2400 (877-245-6685 toll free) or ndpsc@nd.gov, or by sending a written request to: Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480, within 30 days after the last publication of this notice.

Any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected may file written comments, objections, or request an informal conference on the applications with the North Dakota Public Service Commission within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference must include the reason for the request.

North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Reclamation Division  
13th Floor, Dept 408  
600 East Blvd. Ave  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

The legal description and name of the apparent surface and commercial leonardite owners of land included within the permit area is as follows:

Williams County, Township 154 North, Range 100 West

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

Run-dates TBD upon approval

(June \_\_ 2020)

Graphic: see attached

Range 100W

53rd Lane NW

Permit  
GRGR-0501

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*Little Muddy River*

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*Williams County 9 (134th AVE NW)*

Williston  
landfill

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*Township 154N*

*Stony Creek*

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Williston  
city limits

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**Newspaper Notice Map  
Permit GRGR-0501  
Revision 9 and Renewal 3**

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