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September 14, 2020

Ms. Cherie Harms, President
Leonardite Products, LLC
PO Box 548
Williston, ND 58802-0548

Dear Ms. Harms:

The Reclamation Division has conducted a technical review of Leonardite Products, LLC's application of Revision No. 9 to Permit GRGR-0501 at the Stony Creek Mine. The following items must be adequately addressed before the Reclamation Division will recommend Commission action on the Revision No. 9 and Renewal No. 3 applications. Please respond to these items in a timely manner (but no later than October 2, 2020) to ensure Commission action on the applications no later than October 21, 2020. The current term for Permit GRGR-0501 expires November 2, 2020.

II. Legal Requirements

1. Follow-up to item No. 2 of our March 31, 2020 pre-renewal review letter: Please update the adjacent surface owner map on page L-9 to reflect the two surface ownership changes for Lots 4 and 12 in the Olson/Ellis subdivision in the SE4SE4 of Section 7. At your discretion, you may either replace the map with a current clip of the parcels from <http://williamscty.maps.arcgis.com> or you may use a parcel map that only identifies the lots. Although not required, you may wish to replace the parcel map on page L-7 for the two Dolman subdivisions in the NE4NE4 of Section 7. Using maps that identify the lot numbers (instead of surface owners) would simplify map updates in these two residential areas. (ZAB)

V. Operations Plan

2. Follow-up to item No. 8 of our March 31, 2020 pre-renewal review letter: Please review the mining date of 2023 for the H pits on Table O-1. It appears the H pits will be mined in 2024 based on the reclamation spreadsheets provided for the engineering review of the worst case bond amount. (ZAB)
3. Follow-up to item No. 8 of our March 31, 2020 pre-renewal review letter: On Table O-1, please change the acreage for the B-2 pit from 1.74 to 2.30 and change the acreage for the B-3 pit from 1.74 to 1.90 to be consistent with the acreages provided on Table E-1 and the 2019 annual map. The B-2 and B-3 acreages also need to be updated on the Mine Plan Map, Map D. (ZAB)

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VI. Reclamation Plan

4. If Leonardite Products intends to use the minimum bond amount of \$227,311 as noted in our July 13th bond determination letter, please update pages R-7 and R-8 to reflect that bond amount.
(ZAB)

Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dean K. Moos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Dean" being the most prominent.

Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division

cc: Williams County Auditor

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