

DAKOTA WESTMORELAND CORPORATION

Mine: Beulah Mine
Permit Number: KR5B-8603
Renewal Number: 7
Submittal Dates: ~~February 12, 2021~~ ~~May 5, 2021~~ **May 14, 2021**

Renewal Request Narrative

The coal contract has changed since renewal number 6; coal will now be mined through approximately March of 2022. ~~Renewal number 7~~ **Revision 33** updates the permit for the next permit term and includes a closure plan for the Iron Pits sooner than previously approved in the permit because of shortening of the life-of-mine. ~~all respective sections in the permit given that coal removal now has a distinct ending date.~~ Specifically, changes were mainly needed to the Iron Pit because the life of the mine has now shortened. Pending Revision 32 also contains changes to the permit for Renewal No.7, which includes updating the worst-case bond and final mining and reclamation plans.

Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Bond Narrative

~~Sufficient bond to perform the required work for the worst-case reclamation condition will remain in full force and effect during the ensuing five year renewal term, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38-14.1-16. Surface coal mining bond 64S103557512BCM for permit KR5B-8603 is issued on a continuous basis and shall maintained and remain in full force and effect during the ensuing five year renewal term, in accordance with the provisions of Section 38-14.1-16 of the North Dakota Century Code. The bond amount is sufficient to perform the required work for the worst case reclamation condition in the permit area.~~

Dakota Westmoreland Corporation's bonding agent is AON Risk Solutions, 200 East Randolph St., Chicago, IL, 60601.

Liability Insurance Narrative

A certificate of Liability Insurance has been provided to the Public Service Commission for the Beulah Mine and will be maintained during the ensuing five-year renewal term.