

# LEONARDITE PRODUCTS·LLC

March 28, 2024

Jonathan Emmer  
North Dakota Public Service Commission  
Reclamation Division  
600 East Blvd Ave., Dept. 408  
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Re: Bond Release No. 2 to Permit GRGR-0501

Dear Director Emmer,

The following letter is in response to the email we received from PSC dated March 18, 2024, regarding submitting the bond release application. Updates have been made and are listed below.

## **Application SFN 19813**

1. The description block of the Application form (SFN 19813) was updated from the North Dakota Department of Health to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality.

## **Attachment V – Aerial Photograph Final Bond Release Map**

2. The bond release tract boundaries and the permit boundaries in Attachment V (Aerial Photograph Final Bond Release Map) were updated to eliminate any gaps or overlaps.

## **Attachment VI – General Information**

3. The bond release tract boundaries and the permit boundaries in Attachment VI (Inert Waste Landfill Area & Cell Boundaries) were updated to eliminate any gaps or overlaps.
4. Attachment VI (Inert Waste Landfill Area & Cell Boundaries) was revised to include a current topographic map.
5. The title for Attachment VI (Inert Waste Landfill Area & Cell Boundaries) and map was revised to say “Inert Waste Landfill Topography & Cell Boundaries”. (JWE)

## **Attachment VII – General Information**

6. Attachment VII (General Information) was updated to include approximate dates of SPGM removal, coal removal, and grading.
7. A surface owner map in Attachment VII (General Information) was added to the application.
8. A narrative was added to discuss current water management of affected areas in the bond release tract. Additionally, Attachment VII (ii) (Topography Map) and Attachment VII (iii) (Site Drainage Map) were added to the application to further show that no water exits the permit boundary nor will it in the future.

### **Attachment VIII – Other Approvals**

9. The first sentence of the narrative for Attachment VIII (Other Approvals) was updated from August 5, 2020, to the correct date of October 21, 2020.

### **Attachment IX – Reduced Reclamation Cost Calculations**

10. A statement was added in Attachment IX (Reduced Reclamation Cost Calculations) to explain how the amount requested for the bond release was calculated.
  - 9a. The mining and reclamation sequence table (Table 0-1) was added to the application.
  - 9b. Mine Plan Map (Map D) was added to the application.
11. Attachment IX (Reduced Reclamation Cost Calculations) was revised with the 2023 variable costs and updated in the application where appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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