
December 20, 2024

Michael Howe
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RE: Velva Mine Dewatering

Dear Mr. Howe,

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (department) reviewed your December 18, 2024, letter and information provided. After reviewing the project and analytical results, the department has determined the discharge of water from the final pits will need to be covered by the North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) temporary discharge general permit, NDG070000. Information about the temporary discharge permit can be found at: https://deq.nd.gov/WQ/2_NDPDES_Permits/8_TempDischarges/TD.aspx.

The NDPDES construction permit, NDR110000, also is applicable if the project disturbs one or more acres.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701) 328-5242 or at dgrossma@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



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