

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

To: Steven Kahl, Executive Director
From: Jonathan Emmer, Matt Fischer, and Mike Howe
Date: December 12, 2025
Subject: Request to close Contract AM-908-25 for the 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 AML Project

The 2025 Buechler Velva Phase 3 AML Project reclaimed abandoned mines southwest of Velva, ND. On May 15, 2025, the Commission entered contract number AM-908-25 with Young Gun Construction, LLC. of Ludlow, South Dakota. Work began on May 26 and was completed on November 14, 2025. Michael Howe served as project manager. All work was completed satisfactorily. The original contract amount was \$2,359,836.25. The final cost was \$2,614,291.90.

Final payment on the contract has been made. The contractor certified all employees, subcontractors, and suppliers used for fulfilling the terms of the contract have been paid. We recommend Contract AM-908-25 be closed.

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