

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Abandoned Mine Lands Division

Memorandum

To: Steve Kahl, Executive Director
From: Jonathan Emmer, Matt Fischer, and Brett Job
Date: June 5, 2025
Subject: Request to close Contract AM-896-24 – Amendment 1 for the 2025 Exploratory Drilling AML Project

The 2025 Exploratory Drilling AML Project involved rotary drilling to locate and characterize underground mine workings at an abandoned underground coal mine in New Salem, North Dakota. The 2024 Exploratory Drilling Project was also conducted at this AML site. Totals for this project included 25,275 feet of drilling and 5,533 of casing. Work began on December 26, 2024 and was completed on March 17, 2025. Brett Job served as project manager. Scott Besmer served as project inspector. All work was completed satisfactorily.

On December 11, 2024, the Commission renewed contract number AM-896-24, as Amendment 1, with Earth Energy & Water Systems, Inc. of New Salem, North Dakota. The renewed contract amount was \$325,500. Three change orders were issued and the final cost was \$390,176.

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-896-24 – Amendment 1 be closed.