

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR REVISION AND RENEWAL
OF SURFACE COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION OPERATIONS PERMIT**

Please take notice that Leonardite Products, LLC, PO Box 548, Williston, ND 58802 as applicant has made an application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission for Revision 12 and Renewal 4 of their Surface Mining and Reclamation Operations Permit.

Permit area GRGR-0501 is located in Section 8, Township 154 North, Range 100 West, Williams County, North Dakota. This permit revision designates the specific subarea intended for commercial leonardite removal over the upcoming five-year permit term. Additionally, the revision updates relevant sections of the permit to incorporate changes associated with the 2024 approval of Bond Release No. 2. These updates include modifications to environmental resource data, legal requirements, the mining sequence and timing, reclamation plans, worst-case bonding calculations, and all applicable maps. The precise location and boundaries of the permit area are shown below. This renewal application covers 67.1 acres within Permit GRGR-0501, issued to Leonardite Products, LLC, for continued commercial leonardite mining and related disturbance activities. The proposed permit term extends from November 2, 2025, through November 2, 2030.

Those wishing to review the revision and renewal applications may request copies by contacting the Public Service Commission at 701-328-2400 or ndpsc@nd.gov, or by sending a written request to: Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard, Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505. Additionally, the permit will be available for review at the office of the County Auditor, Williams County Administration Building, Suite 118, 206 E Broadway, Williston, ND 58801.

Any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected may file written comments, objections, or request an informal conference on the applications with the North Dakota Public Service Commission within 30 days of the last publication of this notice. Any request for an informal conference must include the reason for the request.

North Dakota Public Service Commission
Reclamation Division
13th Floor, Dept 408
600 East Blvd. Ave
Bismarck, ND 58505-0408

The legal description and name of the apparent surface and commercial leonardite owners of land included within the permit area is as follows:

Williams County, Township 154 North, Range 100 West

Section	Location	Surface Owner	Commercial Leonardite Owner
8	S1/2 NW1/4; N1/2 SW1/4;	Ellis-Olson, LLC	United States of America

RE: Leonardite Products\Permits\0501\Admin Correspondence\2025

From Miroslav Zvyagelskiy <miroslav@leonarditeproducts.com>

Date Wed 6/18/2025 3:40 PM

To Emmer, Jonathan W. <jemmer@nd.gov>

Cc Johnson, Monty L. <moljohnson@nd.gov>; Myran, Brandon S. <bmyran@nd.gov>; DeVries, Taylor L. <taldevries@nd.gov>; Craig, Alexis <alcraig@nd.gov>; Welch, Guy A. <gwelch@nd.gov>; Harms, Cherie <cherie@leonarditeproducts.com>

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Good afternoon,

In response to the letter received from the PSC on June 17, 2025, please find attached the revised Notice of Application for your review.

Once approved by the PSC, I will coordinate with the *Williston Herald* regarding publication dates and proceed with the process of submitting for public notice.

Thank you,

Miroslav Zvyagelskiy

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From: Miroslav Zvyagelskiy

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Hello,

Please find below the link to the Revision 12 and Renewal 4 Permit Application, with the requested changes. The original signed and notarized applications will be mailed out today:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:0e7d5067-8956-4ca7-9a33-48d863349573>

Additionally, here is the link to the updated Redline Revision document (Revision 6.2025). The only changes are on pages R-7 and R-8:

 [Redline Revision 6.2025.docx](#)

Due to file size limitations, I'm unable to send these documents as attachments via email. If you experience any issues accessing the links, please let me know and I'll be happy to coordinate an alternative method.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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**LEONARDITE
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Good afternoon,

Please find attached Revision 12 Permit Application and Renewal 4 Permit Application. Below is a link to the redline Word version which can be downloaded to view redline revisions (the file was too large to attach to this email). The original signed and notarized applications will be mailed out tomorrow (April 18, 2025).

If you are having trouble downloading the link, let me know and I will try sending attachment in a separate email.

 [Redline Revision Apr.2025.docx](#)

Regards,

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From: Emmer, Jonathan W. <jemmer@nd.gov>

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I think it would be beneficial to retain this information in the permit for historical reference. You could change the narrative to past tense and then reference bond release no. 2.

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Good afternoon,

I have a question regarding the permit revision, specifically regarding **Operations Plan** page **O-1**. Attached is the last revision of the page. My question is, do I have to keep this in the description: "Overburden previously stored in Pit A-1, in the amount of 31,181 cubic yards was moved and spread into the B Pits. Topsoil from the B and F-2 Pits will be stored south of Pit B-1 on what was once a truck parking lot. The subsoil stockpile south of the B Pits was spread on the B Pits. Stockpiles for topsoil and subsoil from Pits E-2 and E-1 are in the B Pits for reclamation in anticipation of bond release for Eco Park Landfill."?

Or can I remove this since these pits were removed from our permit as part of Bond Release #2?

Thank you,

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Understood, thank you Jonathan.

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Below are my responses in red.

I have a few questions regarding the permit revision:

- When updating documents, for example page L-2 in the Legal Requirements, when changes are made, do I change the revision number from Revision 8 to Revision 12 since that is the next sequence in revisions or do I change it from Revision 8 to Revision 9?

You would change the revision to the revision number that provided those updates. In this case, it would be Revision 12.

- In the document sent by PSC via email on February 12, 2025, line item 16 states to review any waivers from the 180 day backfilling or three year seeding rules that may be necessary for the next permit term. Does this require another waiver or renewal of current? I would like a little bit more clarity.
Essentially, review the narrative regarding the waivers described on page O-7 in Section V to determine if they are still relevant for the next permit term. If needed, the waivers can be revised or removed for the next permit term.

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From: Miroslav Zvyagelskiy
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