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This is to notify you that Bentonite Performance Minerals LLC has submitted a large scale mine permit application for a proposed bentonite mining operation located approximately two miles northwest of Belle Fourche. The company mailed you a copy of the mine permit application on October 17, 2022. A revised copy of the application can be viewed on our web site at <http://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/NewMinePermits.aspx>.

We have reviewed the application and have considered it filed as of April 30, 2024. This letter serves notification that pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:12, your agency has **30 days** from the receipt of this letter to review the application and respond with any comments. Failure to respond within the thirty-day time period will constitute your agency's approval of the reclamation plan.

If you have any questions regarding this application, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

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