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NOTICE OF DECISION

In accordance with SDCL 45-6B and ARSD 74:29:01:15, the Department of Agriculture and Natural Resources issued its recommendation on the following application on June 18, 2024:

Type of Permit: Large Scale Mining Permit

Mine Permit Number: 491

Applicant: Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC.

Address: 554 US Highway 212, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

Legal Description: Portions of Sections 31 & 32; T9N-R2E, Butte County

General Location: Approximately two miles northwest of Belle Fourche, South Dakota

Material to be Mined: Bentonite

Date of Determination: July 16, 2024

The Department's recommendation containing proposed conditions was previously mailed to you. The date for intervention was June 25, 2024, and no parties petitioned the Board of Minerals and Environment for a hearing on the application by the deadline. Therefore, in accordance with ARSD 74:29:01:18, the application is approved as recommended.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Eric Holm of the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund Program at (605) 773-4201.

Sincerely,

Hunter Roberts
Secretary

Department of Agriculture & Natural Resources