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Re: Longview Minerals Exploration Notice of Intent

Dear Mr. Williams,

We have reviewed the Exploration Notice of Intent (EXNI) you filed on behalf of Longview Minerals, LLC. The application was submitted on November 30, 2022. We have determined this application to be incomplete. Please address the following items:

1. SDCL 45-6C-8(2): Please provide a proposed timetable for seeding and replanting indicating when and how the reclamation plan will be implemented. This must be developed after consultation with the local conservation district. The contact for the Custer County Conservation District is:

Justine Reid
District Conservationist
Custer County Conservation District
25363 Hwy 385
Custer, SD 57730

2. SDCL 45-6C-9: Please provide a map of the exploration area which identifies the locations of all known springs, lakes, ponds, reservoirs, water pipelines, earthen dams, private and public water wells, buildings, and proposed or existing roads or trails. It appears Exhibit H is supposed to address these items, however, there is no legend and with the map being provided in black and white we are not able to clearly discern which features are which on the map. Also, please show the proposed or existing roads to be used in the exploration area.

3. The application stated that the drilling will be conducted through recirculation drilling. Will sumps be necessary, or will materials be cycled through tanks? How will water be prevented from exiting the site? What is the source of the water to be used in the drilling activities?

In addition, please address the following technical comments on the proposed operation:

1. Please identify a contact with the company that is authorized to sign and fill out paperwork, so we have a contact to send information such as the annual report, which must be filled out and returned specifying activities completed during the course of a year.
2. In the reclamation plan, section 4, the last paragraph states, "In the unlikely event that a drill hole needs to remain open for more than 30 days for downhole data collection purposes, White Rock will apply in writing to DANR for permission to temporarily keep the test hole open." There appears to be a typo. Please clarify what "White Rock" is or provide a corrected statement.
3. Please provide a generic location map which does not disclose the locations of test holes which are protected as confidential as per SDCL 45-6C-14. This map will be utilized for public viewing purposes.
4. Please contact Lisa Liang with the Archaeological Research Center to determine if there are any additional steps she may require as part of SDCL 45-6C-11. It is possible she may require an archaeological survey prior to exploration activities may commence due to the historical mine located at the same site. While this may not delay the issuance of the restriction letter for the EXNI, it may delay the operations until the requirements of the state archaeologist can be met. Ms. Liangs contact information is:

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Senior Archaeologist
Archaeological Research Center
South Dakota State Historical Society
Suite 201
937 E North Street
Rapid City, SD 57701
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An EXNI is not considered filed with the state until the application can be deemed complete. Please address the items above to complete the application. We also noted that in the letter dated November 30, 2022, it states there is a potential for expansion of this EXNI. Under SDCL 45-6C, there is no provision for expansion of an EXNI. To conduct additional exploration beyond what is specified in this application, please know that a new EXNI will need to be filed with the state.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

\S/

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