



**DEPARTMENT of AGRICULTURE
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Mr. Williams,

The department has reviewed the application for Exploration Notice of Intent for Longview Minerals, LLC received by our office on June 12, 2024. We have found the application to be incomplete. Please address the following items:

1. SDCL 1-41-20: Please submit a Certification of Applicant. A link to the form may be found on the Minerals, Mining, and Superfund webpage at <https://danr.sd.gov/Environment/MineralsMining/Exploration/ExplorationIntent.aspx>.
2. SDCL 45-6C-7(8): Please provide the mineral lease which show Longview Minerals, LLC has permission of the mineral owner to conduct mineral exploration activities. In addition, we noted there is access into the site across property belonging to Mr. Chord. During the inspection conducted June 4, 2024, there were areas noted along this road that would require widening or modification for equipment to access the area. Please include a copy of the access agreement through his property and any reclamation requirements he might have.
3. SDCL 45-6C-8(1) and SDCL 45-6C-16: In the application it states, "All surface reclamation (regarding contouring, travel route rehabilitation, seeding, etc) travel restrictions and time will be as directed by Longview Minerals LLC in accordance with SDCL 45-6C-16." SDCL 45-6C-16 indicates the surface owner, not the operator, has the right to dictate these actions. Please include the agreement between the surface owner and Longview Minerals LLC which allows for Longview Minerals LLC to have authority over these decisions.
4. SDCL 45-6C-8(2): The seed mix needs to be approved by the NRCS District Conservationist. Please provide consultation of the provided seed mix with the Custer County NRCS office.
5. SDCL 45-6C-19: Please note a revision to this statute will take effect on July 1, 2024, and the statewide exploration surety increases to \$100,000. A statewide exploration surety would be valid for all existing and future EXNI's filed by Longview Minerals LLC. If you are not planning to

provide the new increased statewide bond for this exploration, please provide an estimated cost of completing the proposed reclamation, and the estimated cost of plugging and sealing each test hole.

6. During the June 4, 2024, inspection we noted several drill pads were proposed in areas where accessibility could be questionable. There was some discussion during the inspection about the possibility of moving some of the proposed drill pads to avoid some of the topographic and physical hazards noted during the inspection. Please confirm that these are the desired locations for the proposed drill pads.

Please address the items outlined above. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (605) 773-2909.

Sincerely,

\s/

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