

December 27, 2017

**NOTICE OF DECISION**

In accordance with SDCL 45-6B and ARSD 74:29:01:15, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources issued its recommendation on the following application on December 19, 2017:

**Type of Permit:** Large Scale Mining Permit

**Mine Permit Number:** 488

**Applicant:** American Colloid Company

**Address:** PO Box 2010, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717

**Legal Description:** Portions of Sections 18, 19, & 20; T10N-R1E, Butte County

**General Location:** Approximately 12 miles northwest of Belle Fourche, South Dakota

**Material to be Mined:** Bentonite

**Date of Determination:** December 27, 2017

The Department's recommendation containing proposed conditions was previously mailed to you. The date for intervention was December 26, 2017, 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 and Mining Program at (605) 773-4201.

Sincerely,

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Steven M. Pirner  
Secretary  
Department of Environment & Natural Resources