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Ron Waterland, Environmental Manager
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Re: Completeness Review of Ground Water Discharge Plan Application for Wharf Resources (USA), Inc., American Eagle Spent Ore and Waste Rock Depository, Lawrence County, SD

Dear Mr. Waterland:

This letter is in response to the above referenced facility's application for a Ground Water Discharge Plan, received on April 15, 2011, and additional information received on April 27, 2011. The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed the application for completeness according to the Administrative Rules of South Dakota (ARSD) 74:54:02:06 and determined the application to be incomplete for the following reason:

1. Item No. 8 on the permit application form requires a description of the proposed Parameter of Operational Pollution (POP). Although a description of the proposed POP zone is included, a discussion of the proposed POP zone segment extending ¼ mile beyond the area of discharge could not be located. Please update the POP zone section to include a brief discussion on the proposed POP zone segment extending beyond ¼ mile of the area of discharge.

The additionally requested information needs to be submitted to complete the technical evaluation. A new application does not need to be submitted and any additional information can be submitted as application amendments or as replacement pages to the application. The Department has also reviewed and approves the location for MW-64.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please feel free to contact me at 605-773-5337 or 605-773-3296.

Sincerely,

Matt Hicks

Matt Hicks, Senior Hydrologist
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c: Mike Cepak, Minerals and Mining Program, Pierre, SD