

**Notice of Recommendation on an
Application for a Ground Water Discharge Plan filed by Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.**

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (Department) has received an Application for a Ground Water Discharge Plan from Wharf Resources (USA), Inc. The application is related to the application of spent ore in the American Eagle Waste Depository at their mining facility in Lawrence County, South Dakota. The legal location of the operation is portions of Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36 of T5N-R2E, and portions of Sections 1 and 2 of T4N-R2E; approximately 3 miles west of Lead, SD. The Ground Water Discharge Plan will consist of a facility construction permit, a ground water discharge permit and a water quality variance.

The Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources is recommending conditional approval of Wharf Resources' Ground Water Discharge Plan. Conditions of the Ground Water Discharge Plan consist of spent ore offload requirements, effluent and ground water monitoring and reporting requirements, maximum loading limit, technical revision authorization, and reporting requirements to the Department in certain instances.

Any interested person may file a petition to initiate a contested case on the application or the Department's recommendation pursuant to ARSD Chapter 74:50:02 within 30 days. All petitions must be filed by November 5, 2011. If no petitions are filed, the application for a plan will become final without a hearing in accordance with ARSD Chapter 74:54:02:09.

Any person desiring further information or recommended conditions may contact Matt Hicks at the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Ground Water Quality Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Joe Foss Building, Pierre, South Dakota 57501, Phone: 605-773-3296.



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