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June 27, 2012

Roberta Hudson  
DENR PMS 2020  
Joe Foss Building  
Pierre, SD 57501-3182

Dear Ms. Hudson:

In response to your letter dated June 22, 2012, we submit the following details:

1. SDCL 45-6B-43 and ARSD 74:29:07:15: Please see attached letter signed by David Heck, Lawrence County Invasive Species Management.
2. ARSD 74:29:96:02(4)(c): Teresa Fox has the financial resources and is financially capable of maintaining postmine land use. Bonds will also be in place with both the state and the Forest Service for reclamation and postmine maintenance
3. SDCL 45-6B-15: See attached receipt from Lawrence County Register of Deeds.

In regard to technical comments:

1. Postmine area will be encompassed with a one-strand solar charged battery power agriculture-grade electric fence until seedlings have become firmly established.
2. See attached reclamation experience of Bob Fox.

In addition, please see attached letter from DENR granting coverage under the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity.

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June 7, 2012

Teresa Fox  
12040 Centennial Estates Loop  
Whitewood, SD 57793  
605-269-2382  
Re: Iron Creek Placer Mine

The noxious weed control program is proposed for T5N R1E Section 23 on Iron Creek, just below the dam.

Noxious weed control program as follows meets requirements of the Lawrence County Invasive Species Supervisor David Heck:

An active weed control program has been developed to control noxious weeds and exotic plants occurring within the permit boundary in compliance with SDCL 45-6B-43 and ARSD 74:29:07:15. For this program, noxious weeds and exotic plants include those species recognized as such by local, state and federal agencies. Lawrence County Invasive Species Department Supervisor David Heck noted leafy spurge, tansy and thistle as predominant invasive species in the area.

Procedure for weed control includes:

\* Assess weed risks within permit boundary:

This will be accomplished by identifying high-risk sites for weed establishment and spread. Preventive measures include removing source of weed and propagules to prevent new weed infestation, and use of chemical spraying if necessary. Application of 6 oz. of Streamline per acre with liberate surfactant in spring and fall is recommended by Heck.

\* Conduct a yearly property inspection

Soil disturbance will be minimized to the extent practical. Stockpiled material will be maintained by application of seed to reestablish vegetation to prevent conditions to establish weeds. Preventative measures include removing source of weed and propagules to prevent infestation, and use of chemical spraying if necessary.

\* Annual property inspection will continue through postmine.

It will be a goal to maintain the area disturbed by mining operations in a clean and orderly environment.



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David Heck  
Lawrence County Invasive Species Management  
3520 Cactus Place  
Spearfish, SD 57783

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William R. (Bob) Fox reclamation experience

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Bob Fox was employed from 1988-2000 in large scale mining (initially for Black Hills minerals, subsequently for Wyoming coal). Some of the jobs performed relevant to reclamation experience include supervision of contractors on removal of topsoil and subsoil; supervision with contractor for on-going backfill and reclamation of post-mine pits; dust control; monitor blasting with seismic; coordinated with private property holders; tree placement in reclamation; staked out monitor sites for vegetation; surveyor assistant; survey supervisor.

Contract experience includes:

- \* Built and reclaimed drill roads for Homestake Mining Co. in the Maitland area.
- \* Built and reclaimed roads above and around the Belle Eldrige in Spruce Gulch for Chevron Minerals.
- \* Built and reclaimed some roads at the Golden Reward Mine; plugged Fanny and Sundance shafts and reclaimed them.
- \* Reclaimed Hidden Treasure core site for Homestake and their Bloody Gulch core site.
- \* Tree planting and reclamation at Bond Gold, as well as hydro-mulching.

Equipment experience includes operation of D4-D10 dozers, as well as low ground pressure dozers; backhoes; excavators; 27, 37 and 51 scrapers; 16G and 14G blade; water truck.

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This Register of Deeds office has received the following documents from Teresa Fox in regards to a small scale mine application located on the Robey Claim on Iron Creek and in accordance with ARSD 45-6B-15. These documents do not need to be recorded but are to be made available for public review:

Small Scale Mine Application:

Dated: May 17, 2011

Supplemental Information for Mine Application:

Submitted: March 28, 2012

May 14, 2012

June 11, 2012, and  
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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Shirley L Green*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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June 5, 2012

Teresa A. Fox  
Iron Creek Placer Mine  
12040 Centennial Estates Loop  
Whitewood, SD 57793

Dear Ms. Fox:

Thank you for submitting your Notice of Intent for the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity. This letter grants you coverage under this permit for the site listed below in Lawrence County, SD. You must maintain your site in compliance with the permit conditions. Your facility Permit No. is **SDR00B534**. Please refer to this number in future correspondence.

Facility Information

Teresa A. Fox - Contact Person  
SW, 22, T 5N, R 1E  
Whitewood, SD

Operator Information

Iron Creek Placer Mine  
12040 Centennial Estates Loop  
Whitewood, SD 57793

Please check to be certain the above facility is the same as listed in the Notice of Intent.

A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan must be developed and implemented for this facility in accordance with Section 3.0 of the permit. Guidance materials are available from the department for assistance in developing the plan.

Thank you for preserving the natural resources of South Dakota. If you have any questions or need any guidance, please contact me at (605) 773-3351 or 1-800-SDSTORM (737-8676).

Sincerely,

Andrew Renner  
Natural Resources Engineer  
Surface Water Quality Program