

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
RECOMMENDATION  
SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT AMENDMENT  
STUART GOLDSMITH**

Stuart Goldsmith, 2404 Foothills Boulevard, Apartment 102, Gillette, Wyoming 82716-2489 has submitted an application to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to amend Small Scale Mine Permit 479. The mining operation is located in E1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 Section 28; T2N-R4E, Pennington County. The general location of the operation is approximately three miles east of Rochford, South Dakota. The primary mineral being mined is gold. The selected post mining land use is rangeland.

The proposed amendment will increase the annual tonnage to be mined to 200 tons of overburden and 200 tons of ore. The amendment will also allow for moving the process area and the sediment pond closer to the mining pit for better sediment and erosion control.

All other facets of the general mining and ore processing operations will remain as described in the original permit.

As required in ARSD 74:29:03:12, the department is recommending conditional approval of Stuart Goldsmith's amendment.

The amendment is available for review at the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or can be viewed on the Minerals and Mining web page at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/newpermitamendments.aspx>. The amendment is also available for public review at the Pennington County Register of Deeds office in Rapid City, South Dakota. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://denr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>.

Written objections to, statements in support of, or petitions to intervene and become a party to the proceedings pursuant to ARSD 74:29:03:14 must be filed with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources no later than August 22, 2014. The department will approve the amendment on this date if no petitions to intervene are received. Information about the contents of a petition can be found in ARSD 74:09:01:01 at <http://legis.state.sd.us/rules/DisplayRule.aspx?Rule=74:09:01:01>. Written comments or petitions should be mailed to the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota 57501-3182.

Persons desiring further information may contact Roberta Hudson, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.

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