

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
RECOMMENDATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING
TRANSFER OF LARGE SCALE AND SMALL SCALE MINE PERMITS
SIMON CONTRACTORS OF SD INC., DBA HILLS MATERIALS COMPANY**

Notice is hereby given that the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources has received applications to transfer Large Scale Mine Permit 14 and Small Scale Mine Permit 444 from Hills Materials Company, PO Box 2720, Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2720 to Simon Contractors of SD Inc., dba Hills Materials Company, PO Box 2720, Rapid City, South Dakota 57709-2720. The legal location for Mine Permit 14 is Portions of SW1/4 NE1/4, NW1/4 SE1/4, NE1/4 SE1/4, & E1/2 NW1/4 Section 33 and Portions of SW1/4 SW1/4 & SE1/4 SW1/4 Section 28; T2N-R7E, Pennington County. The legal location for Mine Permit 444 is S1/2 Section 30; T2N-R7E, Pennington County. The general location of both operations is Rapid City, South Dakota. The primary mineral mined is limestone.

In accordance with ARSD 74:29:04:04, the Department recommends approval of the permit transfers. In accordance with SDCL 45-6B-47, action on the transfers of the permits by the Board of Minerals and Environment will take place on October 15, 2015 at 11:00 AM CDT at the Matthew Environmental Education and Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre South Dakota. The Board's action will be either to approve or disapprove the permit transfers.

The transfer applications are available for review at the Minerals and Mining Program, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota, or on the Minerals and Mining web page at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/minepermittransfers.aspx>.

Notice is further given to individuals with disabilities that this hearing is being held in a physically accessible place. Please notify the Department of Environment and Natural Resources at least 48 hours before the public hearing if you have a disability for which special arrangements must be made at the hearing. The telephone number for making special arrangements is (605) 773-4201.

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

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