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January 15, 2021

Mark Hughes
PO Box 533
Custer, SD 57730

Dear Mr. Hughes;

We have received your application submitted on November 23, 2020 with final submittal on December 2, 2020. You submitted supplemental information on January 13, 2021. We have reviewed this application and have determined it to be incomplete. Please address the following items below:

1. SDCL 45-6C-7(4): In your initial application you had stated you would dig a pit. However, in the supplemental information provided, you have indicated the work will be completed by trenching. Please clarify, how many trenches do you plan?
2. SDCL 45-6C-8(2): Please provide consultation with the Custer County District Conservationist approving the recommended USFS seed mix. Currently, these issues are handled through the Pennington County Conservation District. The contact information for the District Conservationist is:

Justine Reid
District Conservationist
Pennington County Conservation District
414 E Stumer Rd
Rapid City, SD 57701

3. SDCL 45-6C-16: Please provide a signed and approved Plan of Operations from the United States Forest Service showing you have consulted with them regarding any reclamation and travel restrictions for the proposed area. We understand this may take time to provide and it will not hinder the review process. Once we receive the information requested in items #1 and #2 above, we will proceed with agency review and inspection. However, as there may be additional restrictions on accessibility and reclamation required by the USFS during their review of your Plan of Operations, we will not be able to issue our restriction letter until we receive the final, signed version of the Plan of Operations.

Please address the items above to complete your application.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (605) 773-4201.

Sincerely,

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December 9, 2020

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We have received your application submitted on November 23, 2020 with final submittal on December 2, 2020. We have reviewed this application and have determined it to be incomplete. Please address the following items below:

1. SDCL 45-6C-7(4): Please provide a more detailed description of the proposed exploration, to include an estimated width and depth of the exploration pit to be dug.
2. SDCL 45-6C-8(2): Please provide consultation with the Custer County District Conservationist approving the recommended USFS seed mix. Currently, these issues are handled through the Pennington County Conservation District. The contact information for the District Conservationist is:

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3. SDCL 45-6C-9: Please provide a map that complies with the requirements of SDCL 45-6C-9. This map should show an area of one-half mile surrounding the proposed exploration area. It should include any intermittent or ephemeral streams or springs, wells, dams, buildings, existing roads, structures, or trails within this one-half mile radius of the proposed exploration. The scale of the map should not be more than one to twenty-five thousand. The most recent United States Geological Survey map is considered appropriate if the required information is clearly marked on the map.
4. SDCL 45-6C-16: Please provide a signed and approved Plan of Operations from the United States Forest Service showing you have consulted with them regarding any reclamation and travel restrictions for the proposed area.

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