

**NOTICE OF FILING
APPLICATION FOR SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT
AMERICAN COLLOID COMPANY**

American Colloid Company, PO Box 2010, Belle Fourche, South Dakota 57717, hereby gives notice that an application for a permit to construct an access road between the permitted Shear/Clarkson East and Kudlock bentonite mines has been filed with the South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The resident agent is CT Corporation System, 319 South Coteau Street, Pierre, South Dakota 57501. The legal location of the proposed operation is Portions of Section 12; T9N-R1E, and Portions of Sections 7 and 18; T9N-R2E, Butte County. The general location is approximately 6 miles northwest of Belle Fourche, South Dakota.

The access road will be about 1.1 miles in length and will eliminate the need for American Colloid to load scrapers and dozers onto trailers and truck them down US Highway 212. This will save the company time and money in moving equipment from site to site. Road use will be limited and occasional, but it could occur any time of the year. Approximately six acres will be affected for the 35-foot wide road and associated topsoil stockpiles. The proposed future land use is rangeland for livestock grazing.

The application is available for review at the Minerals and Mining Program office located in the Joe Foss building, 523 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota or on the Minerals and Mining web page at <http://denr.sd.gov/des/mm/newminepermits.aspx>. The application is also available for public viewing at the Butte County Register of Deeds office in Belle Fourche, South Dakota. Written objections to, statements in support of, or petitions to intervene and become a party to the proceedings pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:09 must be filed with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources no later than July 9, 2014. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://denr.sd.gov/public/pncomment.aspx>. Information about the contents of a nominating 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.

The permit will be issued by the department if no petitions to intervene are received and if the department's recommendation is for approval or conditional approval. The department will issue its recommendation on August 6, 2014. If no petitions contesting the recommendation are received within seven days after the issuance of the recommendation, the department's recommendation will become effective August 14, 2014. The permit application will be approved, conditionally approved, or denied accordingly.

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