

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
RECOMMENDATION
APPLICATION FOR SMALL SCALE MINE PERMIT
AMERICAN COLLOID COMPANY**

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is recommending conditional approval of American Colloid Company's application for its Kudlock/McAmis access road project. The proposed road is located in Portions of Section 12; T9N-R1E and Portions of Sections 7 and 18; T9N-R2E, Butte County. The general location is approximately six 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 Company 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 6.01 acres will be affected for the 35-foot wide road and associated topsoil stockpiles. The proposed future land use is rangeland for livestock grazing.

Pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:15, the department is recommending conditional approval of American Colloid Company's permit application. The department has determined the permit application addresses all of the requirements of SDCL 45-6B and ARSD 74:29, and should be approved subject to the conditions attached to this recommendation. The application, with the recommended conditions, provides the necessary safeguards to protect the environment during and following operations and ensure that the land is reclaimed to a beneficial use following operations.

This recommendation is being mailed to you pursuant to ARSD 74:29:01:15. The application is 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/newminepermits.aspx>. The application is also available for public review 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 August 13, 2014. The department will issue the permit if no petitions are received. Comments may be submitted in writing or online at <http://denr.sd.gov/public/default.aspx>. 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 Eric Holm, Minerals and Mining Program, at (605) 773-4201.

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