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Dear Ms. Fisher:

On August 22, 2018, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) received your email filing on behalf of Mineral Mountain Resources (SD) Inc., requesting a temporary permit to use public water. The request is to pump from Rapid Creek for mining exploration until the end of the year.

As provided in Administrative Rule of South Dakota 74:02:01:34, I have chosen to defer issuance of this temporary permit and present the application to the Water Management Board for action. The Board's consideration of the request for temporary permit will be held at 11:00 AM on October 4, 2018, in the Floyd Matthew Training Center, Joe Foss Building, 523 E Capitol Avenue, Pierre SD. You will be provided notification if there are changes to the meeting time.

Mineral Mountain Resources will need to be prepared at the time the Board takes this matter into consideration to explain intended water needs to complete exploration drilling near Rochford, including the amount of water being requested. Water Rights will also be preparing a technical analysis to provide information to the Board as to the availability of water and any potential impairment to existing prior appropriations. This analysis will be provided to you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Jeanne Goodman, Chief Engineer
Water Rights Program, DENR

C: Talbot Wiczorek, Counsel for Mineral Mountain Resources (SD) Inc.
Ann Mines Bailey, Assistant Attorney General