

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF PERMIT REVISION APPROVAL

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Leonardite Products LLC
Case No. RC-25-169
Revision 12, Permit GRGR-0501
Application
NOTICE OF PERMIT REVISION APPROVAL
October 23, 2025
Preliminary Statement
On April 17, 2025, the Commission received Leonardite Products LLC's application for Revision 12 to Surface Coal Mining Permit GRGR-0501. This revision identifies the commercial leonardite removal areas for the next five-year permit term and updates the legal, environmental resources, operation, and reclamation permit sections for the next five-year permit term, which expires November 2, 2030. The Commission has completed its review of the application and has conditionally approved the permit revision. The revision

will give Leonardite Products LLC the right to modify the mining and reclamation plans in Permit GRGR-0501 as described in Revision 12.
Notice
Any person with an interest which is or may be adversely affected by this revision approval may request a formal hearing with the Commission within thirty days of the publication of this notice. The request should be addressed to the Public Service Commission, 600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 408, Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0480. You may contact the Commission at the following telephone numbers: 701-328-2400 or Relay North Dakota TTY: 1-800-366-6888.
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Sheri Haugen-Hoffart, Commissioner
Randy Christmann, Chair
Jill Kringstad, Commissioner
(10-30-2025)

STREET VACATION PETITION

A petition has been filed for vacation of a portion of a street abutting 16 Oliver Ave N and 102 Oliver Ave S. The petition will be heard and considered by the Center City Council on December 1, 2025 at 6 pm at the Betty Hagel Memorial Civic Center.
(10-16-2025)(10-23-2025)
(10-30-2025)(11-06-2025)

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ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVISE ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION LOAN APPLICATION AND LOAN APPROVAL, STANDARDS FOR SCHOOLBUSES, SCHOOL DISTRICT COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS, SPECIAL EDUCATION, MATH CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT OF SCHOOL BUILDINGS, AND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOLS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (NDDPI) will hold a public hearing to address proposed changes of N.D. Admin. Code 67-10, School Construction Loan Application and Loan Approval; 67-12, Standards for Schoolbuses, 67-13, School District Cooperative Agreements; Special Education, 67-23; the creation of 67-34, Math Curriculum; the creation of 67-35, Assessment of School Buildings, and the creation of 67-36, Public Charter Schools; at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, December 2, 2025, in the Brynhild Haugland Room at the State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Ave., Bismarck, ND 58505. The purpose of the proposed changes is to amend 67-10-03, School Construction Loan Application and Loan Approval- School Construction Assistance Revolving Loan Fund, to align maximum loan amounts with the dollar amounts listed in the NDCC; to amend 67-12-01, Standards for Schoolbuses, to align with updated federal transportation standards regarding school

bus construction; to amend 67-13-01, School District Cooperative Agreements, to remove language related to cost-sharing reimbursements to align with similar language in the NDCC; to amend 67-23-01, Comprehensive General Plan Requirements for Special Education Programs, to include charter schools in the definitions for a local education agency and for organizations; to create 67-34-01, Professional Development for Grades Kindergarten Through Eight Mathematics, to outline teacher professional development requirements in mathematics as required in NDCC; to create 67-35-01, Authority for Assessment of School Buildings, to identify authority of the state superintendent in NDCC related to school building assessment; and to create 67-36-01, Public Charter Schools, to implement procedures for the approval and governance of public charter schools as required in NDCC. The proposed rules may be reviewed at the NDDPI Office of School Approval and

Opportunity, ND State Capitol, 600 E. Boulevard Avenue, Bismarck, ND 58505-0440. A copy of the proposed rules may be requested by writing to the above address, to the attention of Jim Upgren, emailing jimupgren@nd.gov, or calling 701-328-2244. Written and oral comments may be sent to the above address or telephone number until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2025. For individuals seeking to attend who will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the NDDPI at the above telephone number or address at least five days prior to the public hearing. Dated this 20th day of October, 2025. Jim Upgren, Assistant Director
Office of School Approval and Opportunity
North Dakota Department of Public Instruction
(10-30-2025)

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PUBLIC NOTICE TO
ISSUE AN UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT
and
EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE DAKOTA AQUIFER
October 30, 2025
PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE
THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE IS TO STATE THE DEPARTMENT'S INTENTION TO ISSUE A CLASS I UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT AND TO EXEMPT A PORTION OF THE DAKOTA AQUIFER UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 33.1-25 OF THE NORTH DAKOTA ADMINISTRATIVE CODE.
PERMIT INFORMATION
APPLICANT NAME: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
MAILING ADDRESS: 3401 24th St SW
Center, ND 58530
FACILITY LOCATION: Milton R. Young Station 6 Miles Southeast of Center, ND
APPLICANT CONTACT: Scott Hopfau, Plant Environmental Superintendent
CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBER: 701-794-7220
PERMIT NUMBER: ND-UIC-111
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PERMIT
The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality, intends to issue a Class I underground injection control permit to Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. (Minnkota) for two Class I non-hazardous waste underground injection wells (FREEMAN-1 and RUBEN-1) located at the Milton R. Young (MRY) Station located near Center, North Dakota. The permitted waste stream consists of non-hazardous process fluids generated from operations at the MRY Station and may include existing plant waste streams and Project Tundra waste streams. The proposed waste streams will be tested to ensure that only non-hazardous wastes are injected into the wells. The anticipated required flow rate for wastewater disposal at the MRY Station is 1,500 gallons per minute (gpm). If the FREEMAN-1 well cannot achieve a flow rate of 1,500 gpm, or if Minnkota decides that an additional well will provide needed redundancy or operational flexibility, then Minnkota will construct and operate a second well (RUBEN-1). If the RUBEN-1 well is constructed, the maximum injection rate in each well will be 1,100 gpm. The proposed injection zone is the permeable sandstone intervals of the Inyan Kara Formation in the interval from approximately 3,649 to 3,823 feet below ground surface (bgs). The Inyan Kara Formation is part of the Dakota Group, which also includes the Mowry, Newcastle, and Skull Creek Formations. While various terms have been used to describe this geologic unit, including the Lower Cretaceous aquifer, Inyan Kara Group, and Lakota Formation, it is generally

acceptable to simply reference it as the "Dakota aquifer". The uppermost perforated injection interval is approximately 2,444 feet below the lowermost underground source of drinking water (USDW), the Fox Hills Sand. The maximum permitted injection rate for the FREEMAN-1 well is 1,500 gpm under the one injection well scenario, and the maximum permitted volume will be 1.89x10¹⁰ gallons over a twenty-year period. If Minnkota elects to drill a second injection well (RUBEN-1), the maximum injection rate in the FREEMAN-1 well will be reduced to 1,100 gpm, and the permitted maximum injection volume will be 1.38x10¹⁰ gallons over a twenty-year period. Injection Permit ND-UIC-111 will be issued for a five-year period, beginning on the date the permit is signed by the Director of the Division of Water Quality.
AQUIFER EXEMPTION
The Department proposes to request the Environmental Protection Agency to approve an aquifer exemption for a portion of the Dakota aquifer underlying the MRY Station, in accordance with the provisions of North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) 33.1-25-01. The EPA considers aquifers that have a total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration of less than 10,000 milligrams per liter (mg/L) and that either are, or could be in the future, used for drinking water purposes to be potential "underground sources of drinking water" (USDW). If certain criteria (summarized in NDAC 33.1-25-01) are met (e.g., the TDS concentration of water within the aquifer is greater than 3,000 mg/L and less than 10,000 mg/L), the EPA can "exempt" an aquifer and approve the injection of wastewater into it. A water sample collected from the Dakota aquifer in a stratigraphic test hole drilled at the facility contained a total dissolved solids (TDS) concentration of 3,480 mg/L. Consequently, an aquifer exemption is required to inject MRY Station's plant process water into the Dakota aquifer. Minnkota submitted an Aquifer Exemption Request to the Department to allow the injection of MRY Substation's plant wastewater into the Dakota aquifer. The proposed area of the exemption is a fixed 1.9-mile radius circle around the proposed injection wells. This fixed radius represents the maximum radius of fluid displacement over a twenty-year injection period. The aquifer exemption request is based on several criteria, including (1) the TDS concentration of water within the aquifer is greater than 3,000 mg/L and less than 10,000 mg/L, (2) the Dakota aquifer does not currently serve as a source of drinking water in Oliver County and (3) it is economically impractical as a future source of drinking water due to the depth of the aquifer and the cost for treatment and distribution. The information presented in the Aquifer Exemption Request supports the exemption for a portion of the Dakota aquifer in the vicinity of the MRY Station.
PUBLIC COMMENTS

The Permit Application, Aquifer Exemption Request, Draft Permit, and Fact Sheet will be available for public review and comment for forty-five (45) days following publication of the Public Notice. The public comment period begins October 30, 2025 and ends December 14, 2025. Interested people may submit written comments to the Department on the Draft Permit during this period.

The Department has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on the Draft Permit on December 9, 2025 at 4:00 pm Central Time at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Room 208, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND. The Public Hearing will be held if there is sufficient public interest pertaining to the proposed Draft Permit or if a Public Hearing is specifically requested in writing. The specific issues to be raised should be stated in a request for a Public Hearing. If sufficient public interest is not raised and a Public Hearing is not requested by December 1, 2025, the Public Hearing will be cancelled. Please check the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality website (deq.nd.gov) or call the Department at 701-328-5210 on or after December 2, 2025 for confirmation of the Public Hearing. The Department will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions, and written communication should be directed to: Marty Haroldson, Director
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Water Quality
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
The Permit Application, Aquifer Exemption Request, Draft Permit, and Fact Sheet are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, North Dakota. Copies of this Public Notice and the Draft Permit are also on the Department's website at: <http://deq.nd.gov>. Anyone requiring special access or accommodation to review the documents may contact the Department at 701-328-5210. NDDEQ Non-Discrimination Statement
The Department will consider every request for reasonable accommodations to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5210 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1800-366-6888.
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