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July 18, 2011

Ron Waterland
Environmental Manager
Wharf Resources (USA), Inc
10928 Wharf Road
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Dear Mr. Waterland:

In accordance with ARSD 74:29:01:07(2), the department has reviewed the supplemental information submitted on July 14, 2011 to complete the Wharf Expansion Large Scale Permit Application. Based on this review, the department considers the application to be procedurally complete and filed as of July 18, 2011.

Please find enclosed a copy of the Notice of Filing that you should have published in the **Black Hills Pioneer** for **two consecutive weeks on July 22 and 29, 2011**. To ensure that the Notice is published on the above dates, please make sure that the newspaper receives the Notice of Filing by Tuesday, July 19, 2011. If this notice cannot be published on these dates, please let me know as soon as possible so that the necessary correction to the Notice can be made. After the Notice of Filing has been published on the two dates, please forward the "Affidavit of Publication" to our office. The newspaper should supply you with an "Affidavit" at the time you are billed for the publication.

It will be necessary for you to mail (by certified mail) a copy of the first week's advertisement to all owners and lessees of the surface of the land to be affected by your mining operation and mail a copy of the certified mail receipts to our office. If the same individual owns both the surface **and** minerals, this mailing is not required

In accordance with ARSD 74:29:01:10, the department is currently working on a draft copy of the summary document for the permit application. We are required to consult with Wharf Resources during development of the summary document. We will send you a draft copy of the summary document for your review in the next few weeks.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

\s/

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