



# BENTONITE

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Mr. Josh Malmberg  
 DEQ - District III Land Quality Division  
 2100 West 5<sup>th</sup> St  
 Sheridan, WY 82801

**Re: Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC-Colony, WY  
 Wyoming Land Quality Permit 267C  
 Wyoming State Lease 42804 Amendment**

Dear Mr. Malmberg:

Bentonite Performance Minerals, LLC (BPM) is submitting information to amend Permit 267C as required in Land Quality Rules and Regulations and Guideline 6. The claims/lands being updated are as described in Table 1:

**Table 1:** WY State 04 Claim Summary

<b>Amendment Areas</b>	<b>Legal</b>	<b>Total Acres</b>
<b>State Lease 04</b>	SE4SW4, SW4SE4 Section 30 T57N R62W	80
	NE4, E2NW4, SW4, NW4SE4 Section 31 T57N R62W	440
	W2NW4 Section 32 T57N R62W	80
		<b>600</b>

It should also be noted that between baseline collection for this amendment and submittal, American Colloid Company constructed a road through this amendment area, therefore the baseline collection does not reflect that disturbance area.

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The proposed disturbance associated with this amendment is expected to begin in 2020 and is bonded by Self Bond SBNC132. The proposed disturbance for the WY S04 amendment will be accounted for in the corresponding Annual Report and bond calculation for the year disturbance commences.

Two areas within the amendment area are currently under review for Jurisdictional Determination with the Army Corps of Engineers. Initial correspondence with USACE has indicated that the results will likely be in the mine's favor, however once the determination has been completed that information will be added to the wetlands section of the application. In addition BPM understands approval of these areas by USACE will be received before permit approval of this disturbance occurs.

Enclosed are duplicate copies of the supporting information, maps and text for the WY S04 Amendment as well as the Index sheet for the WY S04 Amendment. Please follow the instructions on this sheet to properly revise Permit 267C to include the information found in the amendment (text and maps) for the claim listed above.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 307-896-8507, or [Jennifer.hartman@halliburton.com](mailto:Jennifer.hartman@halliburton.com) with any questions or comments.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Hartman  
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Enclosures: WY S04 Amendment Packet (duplicate)