Fact Sheet

 For proposed release of Surety (Surety Bond Number: 726844) held for Mineral Exploration Permit Number NE0212129. Mineral exploration conducted by Overland Sand and Gravel, under this permit has ceased in Merrick county.

 Releasing Office: Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ)

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 Applicant: Overland Sand and Gravel

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1. Overland Sand and Gravel obtained a Mineral Exploration permit (NE0212129) from the NDEQ on April 20, 2018, for 28 mineral exploration holes. Conditions of the permit included providing surety for reclamation activities in the event the company was to prove insolvent.

2. Overland Sand and Gravel provided surety in the form of a Surety Bond to the NDEQ in the amount of $1,450.00 on April 12, 2018. This surety could only be released after satisfactory restoration of the area explored had been completed.

3. On May 10, 2018, Overland Sand and Gravel submitted an email requesting that the process to release their bond be started. The email indicated that mineral exploration under the permit had been completed. Photographs of each abandoned and reclaimed mineral exploration hole were also submitted via email as the site would be farmed the following day before an official NDEQ inspection could take place. A document review was conducted in order to confirm proper hole abandonment and surface reclamation procedures were followed.

4. On the basis of preliminary staff review, the NDEQ has made a tentative determination to release the Surety Bond Number: 726844.

5. The following is a brief explanation of the statutory and regulatory provisions on which the proposed surety release is based.

a. Mineral Exploration Permit Number NE0212129 and a Surety Bond for the amount of $1,450.00.

b. Nebraska Environmental Protection Act and related laws.

c. NDEQ Title 135 - Rules and Regulations for Mineral Exploration Holes.

d. Email from Brent Kunze (Overland Sand and Gravel), received May 10, 2018, requesting surety release and containing abandoned and reclaimed drill hole photographs.

6. Written Comments

Copies of public information pertaining to this issue (Surety Release) are available for review and copying at the Department’s office, Suite 400, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays.

The public may comment upon or object to the proposed surety release, in writing, prior to June 25, 2018. All substantive comments and/or objections shall be considered prior to making the final decision regarding this surety release. Any interested person may request a public hearing, if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing.

All comments may be sent to Marty Link, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922. Further requests for information should be sent to Amanda Jones, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922, (402) 471-4290.