



November 10, 2023

License #41003
FID# 399134120

Tom Quigley
Vice President, Exploration
Badger Minerals LLC
414 10th Avenue
Menominee, MI 49858

Subject: Certificate of Completion for Nonferrous Metallic Mineral Exploration Drilling Sites, Town of Schoepke, Oneida County - Exploration License # 41003

Dear Mr. Quigley,

On August 15, 2023, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) received your request for issuance of a Certificate of Completion (COC) for nonferrous metallic mineral exploration work authorized under exploration license #41003 and the 2020 conditionally approved Notice of Intent (NOI) for exploration drilling in the Town of Schoepke, Oneida County (Schoepke Site). The Department has completed two site inspections at the request of Badger Minerals on August 6, 2020 and August 8, 2023.

As a result of those inspections, the Department has determined the following:

- Badger Minerals has complied with sections NR 130.111 and NR 130.112, Wis. Adm. Code, for permanent abandonment of the exploration drillholes and termination of the exploration drilling sites.
- There is no outstanding work nor temporary abandoned drillholes resulting from the 2020 Badger Minerals exploration project.
- The August 8, 2023 site inspection concurred with the August 6, 2020 site inspection that termination of the exploration drilling sites at the Schoepke Site was completed in accordance with requirements in ch. NR 130, Wis. Adm. Code.

The Department is satisfied with the results of the activities and grants Badger Minerals a Certificate of Completion (COC) in accordance with Wis. Admin. Code s. NR 130.112(2) for the 5 exploration drilling sites containing 6 exploration drillholes constructed at the Schoepke Site under Exploration License #41003. The exploration drillholes covered under this COC were designated as DB-20-01, DB-20-02, DB-20-03, RB-20-01, RB-20-02, and LB-20-01. Enclosed are the 2020 Inspection Report and the 2023 Inspection Report.

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In accordance with s. NR 130.105(2)(b)(4), Wis. Adm. Code, Badger Minerals is required to maintain the surety bond #6134997321 issued by Unites States Fire Insurance Company for 1-year from the date of issuance of this COC. The amount of the bond may be reduced from \$25,000.00 to \$5,000.00. **Upon request by Badger Minerals** and the determination by the Department that Badger Minerals has continued compliance with all provisions of ch. NR 130, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department shall release the bond requirement on or after November 10, 2024.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (715) 292-4911 or Molly.Gardner@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Molly Gardner".

Molly Gardner, CPG
Metallic Mining Coordinator
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

cc: Greg Pils, WDNR
Phil Bower, WDNR
James Yach, WDNR
Oneida County Zoning Administrator

Enc. 2020 Schoepke Inspection Report
2023 Schoepke Inspection Report