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**MINING NOTICE OF INTENT (MNOI)  
FOR COVERAGE UNDER  
MINING STORM WATER, DEWATERING AND NO DISCHARGE  
GENERAL PERMIT MSR32 2878  
(Number to be assigned by State)**

File at least 30 days prior to the commencement of mining; 15 days if a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is already on file and mine dewatering is not proposed. Lateral expansion of an existing mine that has general permit coverage requires the submittal of the Major Modification Form, not a new MNOI. However, modification of the existing SWPPP to include the expansion is required. Discharge of storm water or impounded water associated with mining or the operation of a wastewater recirculation system with no discharge without written notification of coverage from MDEQ is a violation of State Law.

If the company seeking coverage is a corporation, a limited liability company, a partnership, or a business trust, attach proof of its registration with the Mississippi Secretary of State and/or its Certificate of Good Standing. This registration or Certificate of Good Standing must be dated within twelve (12) months of the date of the submittal of this coverage form. Coverage will be issued in the company name as it is registered with the Mississippi Secretary of State.

Please indicate the activities to be covered by this MNOI (check all that apply).

- ☒ Storm Water Discharges Associated with Mining ☐ Mine Dewatering  
☐ Wastewater Recirculation System with No Discharge

The appropriate section of the MNOI must be completed if the applicant proposes to discharge storm water, discharge impounded mine water (dewatering) and/or operate a wastewater recirculation system with no discharge.

A site-specific Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) developed in accordance with ACT5 of the General Permit and a United States Geological Survey (USGS) quadrangle map or photocopy, indicating the site location and outfalls must be included with the MNOI submittal. The name of the quadrangle map must be shown on all copies. Quadrangle maps can be obtained from the MDEQ, Office of Geology at 601-961-5523. Additional submittals may include the following (check all that apply).

- ☐ Section 404 Documentation ☐ Notice of Exempt Operations Form  
☐ Dam/Reservoir Safety Permit or Written Authorization

**ALL INFORMATION MUST BE COMPLETED (indicate "N/A" where not applicable)**

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(NUMBER TO BE ASSIGNED BY STATE)

APPLICANT IS THE: ☒ OWNER ☒ OPERATOR

**OWNER CONTACT INFORMATION**

OWNER CONTACT PERSON: George Handler  
OWNER COMPANY LEGAL NAME: Oil-Dri Production Company  
OWNER STREET OR P. O. BOX: P.O. Box 476  
OWNER CITY: Ripley STATE: MS ZIP: 38663  
OWNER PHONE #: (662) 316-5525 OWNER EMAIL: george.handler@oildri.com

**OPERATOR CONTACT INFORMATION**

OPERATOR CONTACT PERSON: same as above  
OPERATOR COMPANY LEGAL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATOR STREET OR P. O. BOX: \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATOR CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
OPERATOR PHONE #: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ OPERATOR EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINE INFORMATION**

MINE NAME: Cox/Norton  
MINE SITE ADDRESS (If the physical address is not available, please indicate nearest named road.)  
Street: Mississippi Highway 15  
City: Ripley State: MS County: Tippah Zip: 38663  
NW 1/4; NE 1/4 /4 OF NE 1/4; NW 1/4 /4 OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 4S, RANGE 3E  
MINE SITE TRIBAL LAND ID (N/A If not applicable): N/A  
ATTACH A USGS QUAD MAP, EXTENDING ½ MILE BEYOND FACILITY, OUTLINING THE MINE BOUNDARIES  
(Maps can be obtained from the Mississippi Office of Geology. For information call 601-961-5523).  
LATITUDE: 34 degrees 45 minutes 59.86 seconds LONGITUDE: -88 degrees 56 minutes 12.47 seconds  
LAT & LONG DATA SOURCE (GPS (Please GPS Entrance Gate) or Map Interpolation): Google Earth  
TOTAL ACREAGE: 178 MATERIAL TO BE MINED: fuller's earth  
WILL HYDRAULIC DREDGING BE USED? ☐ YES ☒ NO  
WASHING OF SAND/GRAVEL? ☐ YES ☒ NO

ESTIMATED START DATE: 2020-08-21  
YYYY-MM-DD  
SIC CODE 1459

ESTIMATED END DATE: 2040-12-31  
YYYY-MM-DD  
NAICS CODE 212325

### RECEIVING STREAM INFORMATION

NEAREST NAMED RECEIVING STREAM: Owl Creek

IS RECEIVING STREAM ON MISSISSIPPI'S 303(D) LIST OF IMPAIRED WATER ☒ YES ☐ NO  
BODIES? (The 303(d) list of impaired waters and TMDL stream segments may be found of MDEQ's website:  
[http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/TWB\\_Total\\_Maximum\\_Daily\\_Load\\_Section](http://www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/TWB_Total_Maximum_Daily_Load_Section))

HAS A TMDL BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE RECEIVING STREAM SEGMENT? ☐ YES ☒ NO

### COMPLETE IF STORM WATER DISCHARGE IS PROPOSED

ATTACH A STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SEE PERMIT FOR REQUIREMENTS)

IDENTIFY THE ASSOCIATION OR GENERIC SWPPP ON FILE AT MDEQ: The updated Storm Water Pollution Prevention  
Plan is attached.

### COMPLETE IF WASTEWATER RECIRCULATION SYSTEM WITH NO DISCHARGE IS PROPOSED

DISTANCE BETWEEN RECIRCULATION POND(S) AND PROPERTY LINE: \_\_\_\_\_ (FT)  
(MUST BE AT LEAST 150 FEET)

NUMBER OF RECIRCULATION POND(S): \_\_\_\_\_

STORAGE CAPACITY OF EACH RECIRCULATION POND(S): \_\_\_\_\_ (FT<sup>3</sup>)

### COMPLETE IF MINE DEWATERING IS PROPOSED

ESTIMATED DEWATERING VOLUME: \_\_\_\_\_ (GAL/DAY)

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE RECIPIENT OF THE DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORTS (DMRs), IF  
DIFFERENT FROM SIGNATORY: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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INVESTIGATOR'S NAME

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RELEVANT STREAM INFORMATION

NEAREST KNOWN EXISTING STRUCTURE (Mile)

IS THERE A KNOWN EXISTING STRUCTURE (Mile) (If yes, please specify the structure and its location relative to the stream.)  
☐ YES ☐ NO

HAS A FLOOD BEEN REPORTED IN THE PAST YEAR?  
☐ YES ☐ NO

LOCATION OF THE FLOOD (If yes, please specify the location and the extent of the flood.)

IS THERE A KNOWN EXISTING STRUCTURE (Mile) (If yes, please specify the structure and its location relative to the stream.)  
☐ YES ☐ NO

Plan No.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IS THERE A KNOWN EXISTING STRUCTURE (Mile) (If yes, please specify the structure and its location relative to the stream.)  
☐ YES ☐ NO

NUMBER OF RESIDENTS IN THE AREA

STORAGE CAPACITY OF THE RESERVOIR (If any)

COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

REMARKS AND RECOMMENDATIONS (If any, please specify the remarks and recommendations.)  
☐ YES ☐ NO



**DOCUMENTATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER REGULATIONS/REQUIREMENTS**  
Coverage under this general permit will not be granted until all other required MDEQ permits and approvals are addressed.

**WILL THE CONSTRUCTION OR OPERATION OF THIS MINE INVOLVE THE RE-ROUTING, FILLING OR CROSSING OF A WATER CONVEYANCE OF ANY KIND?** ☒ YES ☐ NO

If yes, contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Regulatory Branch for permitting requirements. If the mine requires a Corps of Engineers Section 404 permit, provide appropriate documentation with this MNOI that:

- The mine has been approved by individual permit, or
- The work will be covered by a nationwide permit and NO NOTIFICATION to the Corps is required, or Section 404 permitting is not required at this time.
- The work will be covered by a nationwide or general permit and NOTIFICATION to the Corps is required.

LIST ANY NPDES PERMIT NO(s). \_\_\_\_\_ GEOLOGY APPLICATION/PERMIT NO. Permit applied for

LIST OTHER GEOLOGY PERMIT NUMBERS THAT APPLY TO COVERAGE AREA \_\_\_\_\_

**IS THE MINE LESS THAN 4 ACRES AND GREATER THAN 1320 FEET FROM ANOTHER MINE?**

- ☐ YES A "Notice of Exempt Operations" Form must be included with the MNOI or proof of prior submission, if previously submitted to the Office of Geology.
- ☒ NO A "Notice of Intent to Mine Class I or Class II Materials" Form must be filed before coverage will be granted under the Mining General Permit. For information on Office of Geology requirements, call 601-961-5515.

LIST ANY LOCAL STORM WATER ORDINANCES WITH WHICH THE OPERATIONS MUST COMPLY AND SUBMIT ANY ASSOCIATED APPROVAL DOCUMENTATION. \_\_\_\_\_

**IF IMPOUNDMENTS WILL BE CONSTRUCTED ABOVE NATURAL SURFACE ELEVATIONS, INDICATE WHICH, IF ANY, OF THE FOLLOWING APPLY.**

- ☐ The impoundment will be constructed with a peripheral dam or levee 8 feet or greater in height, measured from the lowest elevation of its toe.
- ☐ The impoundment will have a maximum storage volume greater than 25 acre-feet.
- ☐ The impoundment will impound a watercourse with a continuous flow.
- ☐ The impoundment has the potential to threaten downstream lives or man-made structures.

If any of the impoundments meet any of the above criteria, the applicant will be required to obtain written authorization from MDEQ, Dam Safety Division before coverage will be granted under the Mining General Permit.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

George J. Handler  
Authorized Signature<sup>1</sup>

7/22/20  
Date

George Handler  
Printed Name

Plant Manager  
Title

<sup>1</sup>This application shall be signed according to the General Permit, Act 15, T-4 as follows:

- For a corporation, by a responsible corporate officer.
- For a partnership, by a general partner.
- For a sole proprietorship, by the proprietor.
- For a municipal, state or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer, the mayor, or ranking elected official.
- Duly Authorized Representative

Please submit this form to: Chief, Environmental Permits Division  
MDEQ, Office of Pollution Control  
P.O. Box 2261  
Jackson, Mississippi 39225



**Michael Watson**  
SECRETARY OF STATE

I, MICHAEL WATSON, Secretary of State of the State of Mississippi, and as such, the legal custodian of the records as required by the laws of Mississippi, to be filed in my office, do hereby certify:

That on the 4th day of January, 1963, the State of Mississippi issued a Charter/ Certificate of Authority to:

**OIL-DRI PRODUCTION COMPANY**

That the state of incorporation is Mississippi.

That the period of duration is perpetual.

That according to the records of this office, Articles of Dissolution or a Certificate of Withdrawal have not been filed.

That according to the records of this office, a current Annual Report has been delivered to the Office of the Secretary of State.

I further certify that all fees, taxes and penalties owed to this state, as reflected in the records of the Secretary of State, have been paid and that the corporation is in existence or has authority to transact business in Mississippi.

That insofar as the records of this office are concerned, the said Oil-Dri Production Company is in good standing at this time.

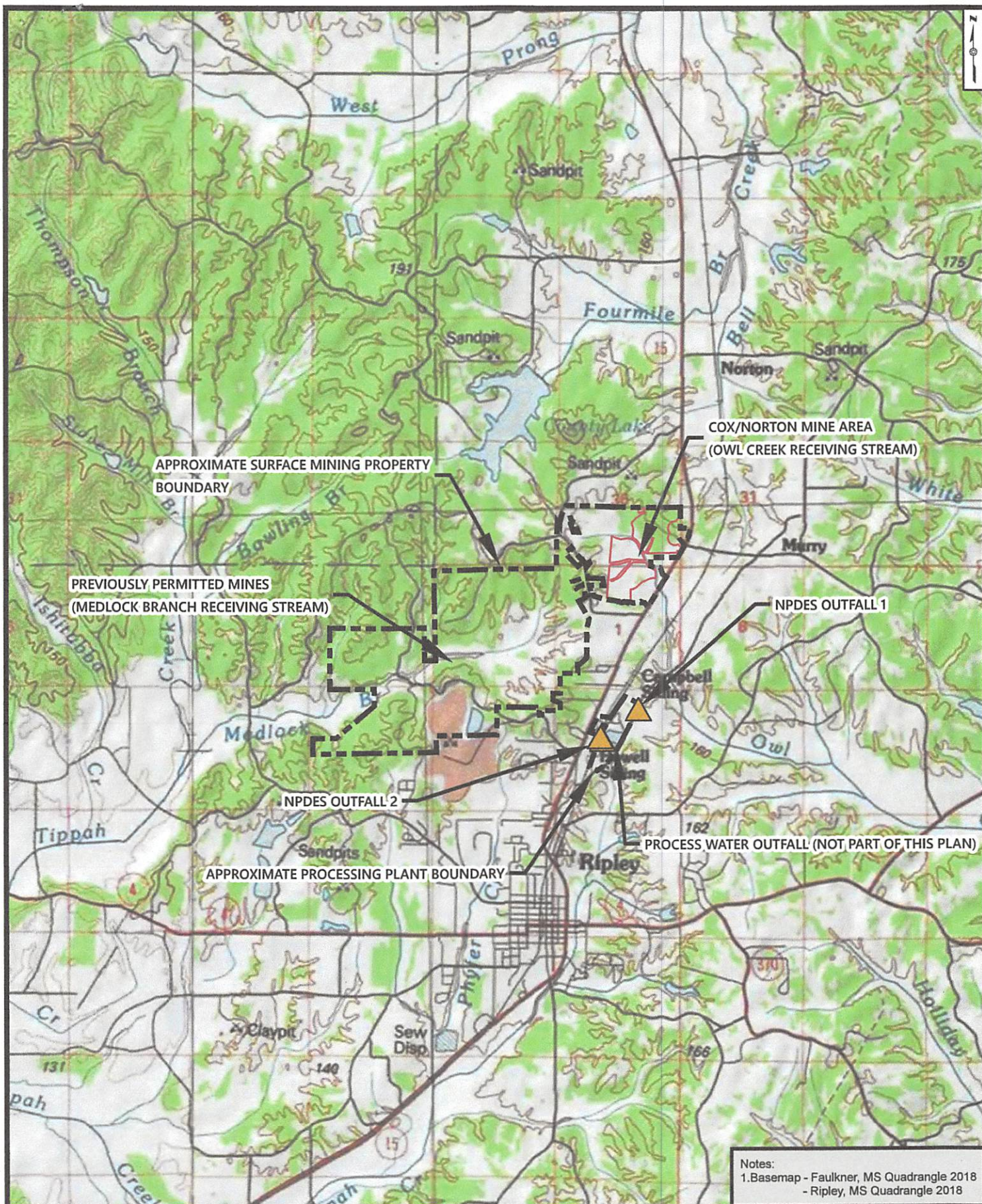
Given under my hand and seal of office  
the 20th day of July, 2020

*Michael Watson*

Certificate Number: CN20088520

Verify this certificate online at <http://corp.sos.ms.gov/corpcnv/verifycertificate.aspx>





Location Map



# Oil-Dri Production Company Ripley Plant and Mines

Date: 7/15/2020

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HODGES, HARBIN,  
 NEWBERRY & TRIBBLE, INC.  
 Consulting Engineers