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Mr. L. D. Covington

Rolhville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. DMEA-3101 - Mica
Covington No. 2 Mine
Rutherford County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Covington:

Your application for aid for an exploration project and other data available to us in Washington relating to the above-named property have been reviewed.

Projects approved by the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration must, in its judgment, show definite promise of yielding materials of acceptable grade in quantities that will significantly improve the mineral supply position for the National Defense Program.

Careful study of all our information, although noting a small amount of mica on your property, indicates to us that the probability of disclosing minable ore reserves by your proposed program is not sufficiently promising to justify Government participation. We regret to advise you, under these circumstances, that your application for exploration assistance is denied.

We wish to thank you for your interest in the Defense Minerals Program and for bringing your property to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Mr. Dietrich, 3526
Mr. Larrabee, G-232 GSA Bldg.
Mr. Houk

DMEA-3101 Mica Region VII	W. H. COVINGTON, POLKVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Covington No. 2 Mine, Rutherford County, North Carolina. Letter to the Applicant denying the application.	8-24-53 #259

DMEA-3101 Mica Region VII	W. H. COVINGTON, POLKVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Covington No. 2 Mine, Rutherford County, North Carolina. Field Report recommending denial. The report was referred to the Commodity Group.	8-14-53 #255

DMEA-3101 Mica Region VII	W. H. COVINGTON, POLKVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA. Covington No. 2 Mine, Rutherford County, North Carolina. Letter to the Field requesting a review of the application, No. 242, a field examination if necessary, and report and enclosing copies of memoranda from the Bureau of Mines and the Geological Survey. Letter to the Applicant.	7-15-53

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August 13, 1953

Memorandum

To: Administrator

From: Nonmetallic Minerals Division

Subject: Closing Review of Docket No. [illegible]-3101 - Mica
[illegible] H. Covington
Covington No. 4 Mine
Rutherford County, North Carolina

Closing letter: Denial of application attached.

Details:

On June 27, 1953, the applicant submitted an application in which he proposes to cut trenches across a pegmatite and if successful sink a 50-ft. shaft and drift 50 feet along the pegmatite at a cost of $[illegible].00. The report of the Field Team states that an area 5[illegible]75' has recently been stripped, exposing a few small pockets and narrow stringers of pegmatite in mica gneiss. A few hundred pounds of scrap mica has been recovered by bulldozing operations, but it is too small and not abundant enough to justify a diamond work.

The Nonmetallic Minerals Division concurs with the Field Team's recommendation that the application be denied because the probability of making a significant discovery is very remote.

Docket Summary:

6/27/53 Application received.
7/1/53 USGS memorandum recommends field referral.
7/9/53 USBM memorandum recommends field referral.
7/13/53 Referred to Field Team.
8/5/53 Field Team recommends denial.
8/11/53 USGS concurs in Field Team's recommendation.
USBM concurs in Field Team's recommendation.
8/13/53 Denial letter prepared.

James Hopkins
Nonmetallic Minerals Division

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Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3101, Mica, Covington No. 2, W. H. Covington, Rutherford County, North Carolina

I concur in the field team's recommendation for denial of subject application on the basis that it is unlikely sufficient strategic mica can be obtained.

Signed

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 11, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF FIELD TEAM REPORT ON APPLICATION DMEA-3101 (mica)

To: L. G. Houk, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: D. A. Brobst, U. S. Geological Survey.
Applicant: W. H. Covington, Pokeville, North Carolina.
Name of property: Covington No. 2 Mine.
Location of property: Near Duncan Creek Church, Rutherford County, North Carolina.
Date of field team report: August 4, 1953.
Authorship of field team report: K. H. Teague and L. E. Shirley.
Field team's recommendation: Denial of application.
Comments: Exposures at the deposit do not indicate a worthwhile concentration of mica.
ACTION SUGGESTED:
Follow field team's recommendation.

D. A. Brobst

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DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

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August 7, 1953

Memorandum

To: Operating Committee, DMEA, Washington, D. C.

From: Field Team, Region VII

Subject: Field Examination Reports: DMEA-3051 (Mica) Georgia
DMEA-3101 (Mica) North Carolina

Transmitted herewith are four copies of each of the following field examination reports:

DMEA-3051, Rosella Jones prospect, Georgia
Burleson, Phillips, Phillips & Burleson, applicants

DMEA-3101, Covington No. 2 Mine, North Carolina
W. H. Covington, applicant

The Field Team is in agreement with the examiners' recommendation for denial of both applications.

/s/ Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer
DMEA Field Team, Region VII

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/s/ Wm. A. Beck, for V. J. Lynch
U. S. Bureau of Mines

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
8-14-53
(date)

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEFENSE MINERALS EXPLORATION ADMINISTRATION

REPORT OF EXAMINATION BY FIELD TEAM, REGION VII

DMEA-3101, COVINGTON NO. 2 MINE (Mica)

Rutherford County, North Carolina

By

Kefton H. Teague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

Lawrence E. Shirley, Mining Engineer
U. S. Bureau of Mines

August 4, 1953

Reviewed by
DMEA OPERATING COMMITTEE
8-14-53
(date)

Field Examination Report
on
DMEA-3101, COVINGTON NO. 2 MINE (mica)

Applicant: W. H. Covington, Pokeville, N. C.

Exposures at this deposit do not indicate the presence of a worthwhile deposit of mica; therefore, the application for assistance should be denied.

The deposit was examined July 29, 1953. Mr. W. H. Covington accompanied the examiners on the inspection, which required two hours.

The Covington No. 2 Mine is located about one mile north of Duncan Creek Church, 9 miles northwest of Pokeville, in Rutherford County, North Carolina. Access to the property is good.

An area 50 feet by 75 feet has recently been stripped, exposing a few small pods and narrow stringers of pegmatite in mica gneiss. The foliation of mica gneiss trends N. 10° E., dipping 45 - 60° SE. A few hundred pounds of scrap mica has been recovered from the bulldozing, but it is too small and not abundant enough to justify additional work.

The examiners recommend that the application be denied.

August 4, 1953

Kefton H. Teague, Geologist
U. S. Geological Survey

Lawrence E. Shirley, Mining Engr.
U. S. Bureau of Mines

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Mr. F. S. Covington

Polkville, North Carolina

Re: Docket No. [illegible]-201 - Mica
Covington No. 2 Mine
Rutherford County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Covington:

Your application for assistance in exploring the subject property has been reviewed by the Nonmetallic Minerals Division of the Defense Minerals Exploration Administration and has been referred to Mr. Robert A. Laurence, Executive Officer, DMEA Field Team, Region VII, Room 13, Post Office Building, Knoxville 2, Tennessee, for further consideration and possibly a field examination.

The Regional Office will contact you at an early date, if an examination is to be made. Any assistance that you may give the members of the field team during the examination will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

C. O. Mittendorf

Administrator

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Mr. Robert A. Laurence
Executive Officer, [illegible]
Field Team, Region VII
Room 13, Post Office Bldg.
Knoxville 2, Tennessee

Subject: Docket No. [illegible] - Alex
B. E. Covington
Covington No. 2 Mine
Rutherford County, North Carolina

Dear Mr. Laurence:

Please review the subject application and arrange for a field examination if you think it advisable.

Copies of memoranda from the Geological Survey and the Bureau of Mines are enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

George C. Selfridge

Chairman, Operating Committee

Concurred:

J. H. Hedges

Member, Board of Mines

A. R. Kinkel, Jr.

Member, Geological Survey

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July 9, 1953

Memorandum

To: Nonmetallic Minerals Division
Defense Minerals Exploration Administration

From: Chief, Ceramic and Fertilizer Materials Branch

Subject: DMEA-3101, Mica, Covington #2 Mine
Rutherford County, North Carolina

No data are available in this office on subject property since it is a new prospect. It is suggested that the field team visit this property when a member of the field team is in that vicinity to ascertain if an exploration program is justified.

W. F. Dietrich

IN REPLY REFER TO:

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

July 8, 1953

Memorandum

REVIEW OF APPLICATION DMEA-3101 (Mica)

To: L. G. Hoff, Defense Minerals Exploration Administration
From: E. M. Larrabee, U. S. Geological Survey
Applicant's name and address: L. H. Covington, Polkville, North Carolina.
Name of property: Covington No. 2 Mine.
Location of property: Duncan's Creek Township, Rutherford County, North Carolina.
Summary of applicant's proposal: Cut trenches across pegmatite. If successful sink 50-foot shaft and drift 50 feet along pegmatite.
Sources of information on applicant's property: None.
Comments:

(1) DMEA-2618 previously submitted by applicant was approved; $96.00 was expended and no discovery made.
(2) Applicant may have applied for loan on best looking pegmatite under DMEA 2618, and this application may be for a poorer pegmatite.
(3) If field referral is made, field team might glance at other pegmatites on property in case a third DMEA application is made later.

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to field team for (1) field examination or (2) a report on information about this deposit obtained during exploration under DMEA 2618.

E. M. Larrabee

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cc: Director's reading 4212
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