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New SDSM&T Minor Meets Growing Petroleum Industry Job Demand

VERMILLION, S.D. – A new minor at South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is intended to meet growing demand and employment shortages in the regional petroleum production job market. The South Dakota Board of Regents approved delivery of the petroleum systems minor, which can be earned along with any School of Mines' bachelor degree in engineering or science, starting this fall.

The 18 credit-hour minor will bring together coursework and faculty expertise from seven departments on the School of Mines' campus, all part of the university's new interdisciplinary education and research initiative in energy resources. The minor is also consistent with the state's identification of oil and gas production as an industry for potential future development.

University officials expect to graduate 10 students a year with this minor by the end of the program's fourth year.