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ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION CHECK LIST

PROPOSED ACTION GRAVEL PIT

COUNTY BLAINE TOWNSHIP 33N RANGE 18E SECTION 32

(*Yes)	(No)	(NA)	
	✓		1. Significant use of area by important wildlife and fish species.
	✓		2. Important vegetation communities present which may influence or be influenced by proposed project.
	✓		3. Significant historical, archaeological, or paleontological resource present.
	✓		4. Significant topographic features, terrain or aesthetic values present.
✓			5. Reconstruction of existing roads or trails, or new road is proposed.
	✓		6. Important surface or groundwater resources present.
	✓		7. Fragile, compactible, or unstable soils present.
	✓		8. Buildings, structures, pipelines, powerlines or other utilities located nearby.
	✓		9. Land has been included as part of a baseline study or other type of report for any purpose. (e.g. Natural Area Program, Resource Development Bureau projects, rights-of-way, easements, or other leasing actions)
	✓		10. Previously permitted or leased activities on this tract resulted in special protective stipulations.
	✓		11. Present tract management is influenced significantly by adjacent state, federal or private land management practices.
	✓		12. Tract is near designated Class I air area, or non-attainment area.
	✓		13. Tract contains areas with unique or special reclamation considerations (past mining, erosion, saline seep, etc.)

14. Additional Comments: (If so, explain in narrative)

15. Public Interest:

Prepared by: Barry D. Smith Title: Lewistown Unit Manager

Based on my review of the above action, I have concluded that an EA is/is not required because:

Area Manager/Bureau Chief Craig E. Roberts Date 2/13/92

*Explain all "yes" answers in narrative form.

North/South County road will be re-routed into Sec. 31 Temporarily.

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February 20, 1992

TO: Barbara Hamburg, Mineral Lease Section Supervisor

FROM: Barny D. Smith, Lewistown Unit Manager, NELO BS

SUBJ: Baltrusch, Inc. Gravel Permit G-1162-88
S½SE¼NE¼ Sec. 31, T33N, R18E
Blaine County

Gravel Permit Application:
Sec. 32, T33N, R18E
Blaine County

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Please extend Gravel Permit G-1162-88 through December 1994. Continue the permit for another 30,000 yards at a contract price of 45¢ per cubic yard. Extend the permit based on the same stipulations as before. Please, somehow emphasize that present reclamation has not been taking place quickly enough; that the Department, as well as our surface lessee, would like to see the disturbed areas reclaimed within 30 days as agreed to in No. 22 of the permit agreement.

An application for permit to remove gravel from the SW¼NW¼ of Section 32, T33N, R18E of Blaine County is also enclosed. Maps and an Environmental Action Checklist are enclosed. Jerry Mellem, President of Baltrusch, Inc., has assured me that a reclamation plan will be drawn up for this proposed pit.

I recommend a permit be issued to Baltrusch with the following stipulations made a condition of the permit:

1. Area to be disturbed shall not exceed five acres into the adjoining cropland.
2. All available topsoil shall be stripped and stockpiled prior to commencement of actual gravel removal.
3. Barny Smith, Lewistown Unit Manager, shall be contacted immediately following stripping of topsoil for an on-site inspection. The purpose being to verify that available topsoil has been salvaged.

Please include a copy of the photocopies with the gravel permit. I recommend a royalty rate of 45¢ per cubic yard.

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Enclosures