

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
PERMITTING & COMPLIANCE DIVISION
INDUSTRIAL & ENERGY MINERALS BUREAU
OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Operator: Empire Sand & Gravel

Site: Auer Borrow #2, Amendment 1

Legal: NW16, T3N, R24E & NE17, T3N, R24E

County: Yellowstone

Contract/Amendment #: ESG-065-1

Type and Purpose of Action: The operator has applied for an amendment to add 58.0 acres to Mined Land Reclamation Contract ESG-065. They will strip all available soil material, mine about 100,000 cubic yards of special rock borrow, grade the site, replace the soil material, and return the privately-owned area to farmland, and the state-owned area to pasture.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: The proposed expansion area is adjacent and similar to the current contracted area. The Environmental Assessment written for Contract ESG-065 is applicable to this action. Expansion into the amendment area will not cause any significant impacts on the physical environment or human population. The additional \$160,670 bond guarantees that the site will be reclaimed according to the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

Signature

Date