

DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM
SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

August 2009

Proponent: Jim Gilman Excavating, Inc

Site: Milford Colony

Legal: Section 22, T20N, R6W

County: Lewis & Clark

Approved Permit and Amendment #'s: GJE-047

Type and Purpose of Action: Operator has applied for an amendment to add 18.5 acres to its existing 14-acre permit for the purpose of expanding the mine area. The total permitted area would be 32.5 acres.

Site Description: The 18.5-acre amendment area is to cover mining that occurred to the north and to the east of the original permit area. Mining was completed to a depth of 8 feet instead of 12 feet due to the presence of groundwater within 11 feet. Reclamation of much of the site has been completed. There are no site characteristics of special concern, or nearby residences or public use areas.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: Use of the amendment area would not cause substantial impacts on the physical environment or human population. Proponent would be legally bound by their permit to reclaim the site to grassland and a small stockpile of excess mine material for the landowner's use. The 2008 Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

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