

**Supplement to:
Environmental Assessment
August 2009**

Project Name: JTL North Site – Amendment # 1

Proponent: Knife River – Missoula

Type and Purpose of Action: The proponent has submitted an application to amend their Opencut Mining Permit that would allow them to mine an additional 29.7 acres that were previously defined as facility level disturbance areas. This would result in a total of 64 acres permitted for mine level disturbance and reduce the facility level disturbance to 17.3 acres. The 4.7 acres that are permitted for a landscaped perimeter brings the total to 86; that number is unchanged from the previous permitted acreage. The depth of mining is reduced from 80 feet to 50 feet. The Plan of Operations remains unchanged, and the bond amount is now \$567,108. The potential impacts analyzed in the original 12/16/98 Environmental Assessment should not differ from those expected from this amendment proposal. Adequate bond and Plan of Operation will remain in force and with adequate oversight should ensure reclamation is completed as intended.

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