

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM**

SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

August 2009

Proponent: Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc.
Site Name: Lake Helena Drive Site
Legal: Section 19, T10N, R2W
County: Lewis and Clark
Approved Permit #: HSG-017

Type and Purpose of Action: The Department of Environmental Quality has received a request (Proposed Amendment #2) from Helena Sand & Gravel, Inc. to temporarily extend its hours of operation to operate its asphalt batch plant during night-time hours, 7:00 PM - 6:00 AM, on August 11-14 and August 17, 2009. The request was made to allow overlay paving, under a contract with the Montana Department of Transportation, of a portion of Custer Avenue in Helena at times that will facilitate public safety and operational efficiency.

All other aspects of the permit would remain the same.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: It is expected that impacts associated with this proposed amendment would be insignificant. All other impacts would remain the same as described in the original EA dated June 4, 2008.

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