

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

**INDUSTRIAL & ENERGY MINERALS BUREAU  
OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Proponent:** H. L. Ostermiller

**Site:** Bitterroot, Amendment #4

**Legal :** NE1/4SE1/4 of Sec 12, T1N, R26E and SE1/4NE1/4 of Sec 12, T1N, R26E

**County:** Yellowstone

**Approved Permit & Amendment #:** OHL-001, Amendments 1, 2, 3

**Type and Purpose of Action:** Proponent has applied for an amendment to add 20 acres adjacent to the existing mine to the permit area. This area would be used for mining and facilities area purposes. Product is used for normal commercial purposes.

Applicant also requested an 18-acre full bond release. A successful grain crop was raised and harvested on this area in 2005.

With approval of this 20-acre amendment and full bond release on 18 acres, along with other concurrent reclamation being conducted, the amount of bond needed for reclamation will remain at \$125,102.50 with a total permitted area of 57.6 acres. The applicant has submitted two bonds: a property bond worth \$62,102.50 and a surety bond for \$68,000.00.

**Site Description:** The site is located in a rural area of flood-irrigated hayland.

**Potential Impacts and Mitigation:** The additional area is adjacent to the area currently under permit. The new acreage can be easily prepared, used, and reclaimed. There are no exceptional mining and reclamation considerations. Use of the amendment area will not cause any significant impacts on the physical environment or human population. Proponent is legally bound through the reclamation permit with the state to reclaim the site. The original Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

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