

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

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

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Proponent** : Franz Construction  
**Site** : Lightfield Section 14  
**Legal** : SW of Sec 14, T22N R54E  
**County** : Richland

**Approved Contract & Amendment #s:** FCI-016

**Type and Purpose of Action:** Proponent has applied for an amendment to add 11 acres adjacent to the existing mine to the permit area. This area would be used for mining purposes. Product is being used for road oil pad construction.

With approval of this 11-acre amendment bonding would increase to a total bond of \$38,091.78 with a total acreage of 19 acres. Reclamation would be to rangeland.

**Site Description:** The site is located in a rural area rangeland area about 33 miles west of Sidney.

**Potential Impacts and Mitigation:** The additional area is adjacent to the area currently under permit. The current Mining and Reclamation Plan applies to the new area. 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 2005 Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

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