

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

INDUSTRIAL & ENERGY MINERALS BUREAU OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Proponent: Fisher Sand and Gravel, Requesting Amendment #1, Permit FSC-0056
Site: Schipman Pit, Amendment area Bell
Legal: NESW (Amendment Area) and N½SE Sec. 4, T22N, R59E
County: Richland
Approved Contract & Amendment #'s: FSC-056

Type and Purpose of Action: Proponent has applied for an amendment to add 3 acres to the permit area. The total permitted area would become 48.6 acres. The bond has been increased to \$130,983. The final reclamation date of May 2012 and post-mine land use of hayland would remain unchanged.

Site Description: The site and surrounding area is hayland. The original upper level area has been mined out and is now on the same level as the facility area. The amendment area would be mined down to this level.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: No adverse impacts are expected from this action. Mining the amendment area would result in the 3-acre amendment area being at the elevation of the Shipman main site. This would be about 15 feet lower than the rest of the Bell's field.

No archeological or cultural artifacts were discovered on this site. The site does not provide habitat for any species of special concern.

There are no exceptional mining and reclamation considerations. The amendment would not cause any significant impacts on the physical environment or human population. The proponent is legally bound through his reclamation permit with the state to reclaim the site. The previous Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

Prepared by: Jo Stephen, Reclamation Specialist, November 2006

Neil Harrington, Chief, Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau

Date