

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

INDUSTRIAL & ENERGY MINERALS BUREAU OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Proponent: JTL, Group, Requesting Amendment #2
Site: South Pit at Big Sky, Mt
Legal: SE Sec 5, T7S, R4E
County: Gallatin
Approved Permit & Amendment #'s: JTL-023, Amendment #1

Type and Purpose of Action: Proponent has applied for an amendment to change the final reclamation plan from rangeland to commercial/industrial, which coincides with the local zoning and the landowner's approved subdivision plat.

The total permitted area remains at 29 acres in the middle of a much larger subdivision. The reclamation bond would not need adjustment for this action. No bond release has been requested at this time. The bond was adjusted to \$38,786 in 2004.

Site Description: The site is a gravel terrace located west of Highway 191 near the south end of the development near the turnoff to Big Sky, Montana. The site and surrounding area have received preliminary plat approval as the Lazy J South Subdivision. The area is zoned CI - Commercial & Industrial Mixed Use. Construction of this subdivision has already begun.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: No adverse impacts are expected from this action. Mining has almost ceased. JTL is presently moving the concrete batch plant from this location to the North site in Section 5 (Permit JTL-018).

Noise and dust from the surrounding subdivision construction is on-going and would be indistinguishable from activities within the permit area.

Impacts: 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. This use has been approved by the local governing body. The previous Environmental Assessment and Supplement are applicable to this action.

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Date