

**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM**

**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
March 12, 2008**

Proponent: Schellinger Construction
Site Name: Cummings Pit
Legal: N2 Section 16, T9N, R20W
County: Ravalli
Permit #:

Type and Purpose of Action: The applicant has proposed to increase the acreage of his permit and to create a second, larger pond. This change would increase the volume of material that can be removed from the site from 25,000 to 100,000 cubic yards, would change the final date of reclamation from August 2007 to September 2010, would make necessary changes on a new map, and would change the bond accordingly. All other aspects of the operation would remain the same. The attached map below shows the new boundaries of the permit and the approximate contours of the pond at the time of final reclamation.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation: It is expected that impacts associated with this proposal will mimic those identified in the original EA dated October 2003.

Cultural resources: In 2003, the State Historic preservation Office (SHPO) recommended that a cultural resource inventory be done at the site. A subsequent inspection by Opencut staff consisted of pedestrian transects of the site and no cultural values were reported. The site had been a forested lot which was clear cut by logging, leaving stumps behind. Following logging, ranching activities, which likely included some cultivation and planting of pasture grasses, occurred. Any cultural resources that might have been present were destroyed at that time.

Public involvement: The residents in the area were contacted directly by the applicant and a Resident Notification form was supplied to them offering to provide them with this EA. DEQ received 19 forms back, all indicating that they did not wish to receive copies of this EA.

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