

**DEQ OPENCUT MINING PROGRAM**  
**SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

**Proponent:** Bill Baltrusch Construction

**Site:** Verploegen/Rhodes

**Legal:** Sections 7 and 12, T34N, R16E

**County:** Hill

**Approved Permit and Amendment #'s:** BCC-009

**Type and Purpose of Action:** Operator has applied for an amendment to add 10 acres to their 22.04-acre permit for the purpose of expanding the mine area. The total permitted area would be 32.04 acres.

**Site Description:** The amendment area is on the same grassland bench as the original permit area. There are no site characteristics of special concern, or nearby residences or public use areas.

**Potential Impacts and Mitigation:** Use of the amendment area would not cause substantial impacts on the physical environment or human population. Proponent would be legally bound by their permit to reclaim the site to grassland. The 2006 Environmental Assessment is applicable to this action.

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