

AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued To: LHC, Inc.
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Permit #2615-14
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An air quality permit, with conditions, is hereby granted to LHC, Inc. (LHC), pursuant to Sections 75-2-204 and 211, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.740, *et seq.*, as amended, for the following:

Section I: Permitted Facilities

A. Plant Location

LHC operates a portable crushing/screening facility at various locations throughout Montana. A complete list of the permitted equipment is contained in Section I.A of the permit analysis.

B. Current Permit Action

On June 14, 2006, the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a request from LHC for a modification to Permit #2615-13. The modification requested the replacement of the 206-kilowatt (kW) diesel generator with a 455-kW diesel generator. Permit #2615-14 was written to include the 455-kW diesel generator and was also updated to reflect the current permit language and rule references used by the Department. Addendum 13 applies to the LHC facility while operating at specified locations in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment areas during the winter months (October 1 through March 31) and various locations throughout these identified PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 – September 30).

Section II: Limitations and Conditions

A. Operational Limitations and Conditions

1. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS) affected crusher, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 15% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.340, ARM 17.8.752, and 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOO).
2. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any other NSPS affected equipment, such as screens or conveyor transfers, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.340, ARM 17.8.752, and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO).
3. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere, from any non-NSPS affected equipment, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.308 and ARM 17.8.752).

4. Water and water spray bars shall be available on site at all times and operated, as necessary, to maintain compliance with the opacity limitations in Sections II.A.1, II.A.2, and II.A.3 (ARM 17.8.752).
5. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any street, road, or parking lot any visible fugitive emissions that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes and must take reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter (ARM 17.8.308 and ARM 17.8.752).
6. LHC shall treat all unpaved portions of the haul roads, access roads, parking lots, or general plant area with water and/or chemical dust suppressant as necessary to maintain compliance with the reasonable precautions limitation in Section II.A.5 (ARM 17.8.749).
7. LHC shall not operate more than one crusher at any given time and the maximum rated design capacity of the crusher shall not exceed 140 tons per hour (TPH) (ARM 17.8.749).
8. Total crusher production from the facility shall be limited to 1,226,400 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
9. LHC shall not operate more than one screen at any given time and the maximum rated design capacity of the screen shall not exceed 140 TPH (ARM 17.8.749).
10. Total screen production from the facility shall be limited to 1,226,400 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
11. LHC shall not operate more than one diesel engine/generator at any given time and the maximum rated design capacity of the diesel engine/generator shall not exceed 455 kW (ARM 17.8.749).
12. If the permitted equipment is used in conjunction with any other equipment owned or operated by LHC, at the same site, production shall be limited to correspond with an emission level that does not exceed 250 tons of emissions during any rolling 12-month time period. Any calculations used to establish production levels shall be approved by the Department (ARM 17.8.749).
13. LHC shall comply with all applicable standards and limitations, and the reporting, recordkeeping, testing, and notification requirements contained in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO).

B. Testing Requirements

1. Within 60 days after achieving the maximum production rate, but no later than 180 days after initial startup, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 9 opacity test and/or other methods and procedures, as specified in 40 CFR Part 60.675, must be performed on any NSPS affected equipment to demonstrate compliance with the emissions limitations contained in Sections II.A.1 and II.A.2 (ARM 17.8.340, 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart A and Subpart OOO).
2. All compliance source tests shall conform to the requirements of the Montana

- Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual (ARM 17.8.106).
3. The Department may require further testing (ARM 17.8.105).

C. Operational Reporting Requirements

1. If this portable crushing/screening plant is moved to another location, an Intent to Transfer Form must be sent to the Department. In addition, a Public Notice Form for Change of Location must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the area to which the transfer is to be made, at least 15 days prior to the move. The Intent to Transfer Form and the proof of publication (affidavit) of the Public Notice Form for Change of Location must be submitted to the Department prior to the move. These forms are available from the Department (ARM 17.8.765).
2. LHC shall maintain on-site records showing daily hours of operation and daily production rates for the last 12-months. All records compiled in accordance with this permit shall be maintained by LHC as a permanent business record for at least five years following the date of the measurement, must be available at the plant site for inspection by the Department, and must be submitted to the Department upon request (ARM 17.8.749).
3. LHC shall supply the Department with annual production information for all emission points, as required by the Department in the annual emission inventory request. The request will include, but is not limited to, all sources of emissions identified in the most recent emission inventory report and sources identified in Section I.A of the permit analysis.

Production information shall be gathered on a calendar-year basis and submitted to the Department by the date required in the emission inventory request. Information shall be in units as required by the Department. This information may be used for calculating operating fees, based on actual emissions from the facility, and/or to verify compliance with permit limitations (ARM 17.8.505).

4. LHC shall notify the Department of any construction or improvement project conducted, pursuant to ARM 17.8.745, that would include a change in control equipment, stack height, stack diameter, stack flow, stack gas temperature, source location, or fuel specifications, or would result in an increase in source capacity above its permitted operation or the addition of a new emission unit. The notice must be submitted to the Department, in writing, 10 days prior to start-up or use of the proposed de minimis change, or as soon as reasonably practicable in the event of an unanticipated circumstance causing the de minimis change, and must include the information requested in ARM 17.8.745(1)(d) (ARM 17.8.745).
5. LHC shall document, by month, the total crushing production for the facility. By the 25th day of each month, LHC shall calculate the total crushing production from the facility for the previous month. The monthly information will be used to verify compliance with the rolling 12-month limitation in Section II.A.8. The information for each of the previous months shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
6. LHC shall document, by month, the total screening production for the facility. By the 25th day of each month, LHC shall calculate the total screening production from the facility for the previous month. The monthly information will be used to verify compliance with the rolling 12-month limitation in Section II.A.10. The information for each of the previous months shall be submitted

along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).

Section III: General Conditions

- A. Inspection - LHC shall allow the Department's representatives access to the source at all reasonable times for the purpose of making inspections or surveys, collecting samples, obtaining data, auditing any monitoring equipment (CEMS, CERMS) or observing any monitoring or testing, and otherwise conducting all necessary functions related to this permit.
- B. Waiver - The permit and all the terms, conditions, and matters stated herein shall be deemed accepted if LHC fails to appeal as indicated below.
- C. Compliance with Statutes and Regulations - Nothing in this permit shall be construed as relieving LHC of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.* (ARM 17.8.756).
- D. Enforcement - Violations of limitations, conditions and requirements contained herein may constitute grounds for permit revocation, penalties or other enforcement as specified in Section 75-2-401 *et seq.*, MCA.
- E. Appeals - Any person or persons jointly or severally adversely affected by the Department's decision may request, within 15 days after the Department renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefore, a hearing before the Board of Environmental Review (Board). A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act. The filing of a request for a hearing does not stay the Department's decision, unless the Board issues a stay upon receipt of a petition and a finding that a stay is appropriate under Section 75-2-211(11)(b), MCA. The issuance of a stay on a permit by the Board postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board. If a stay is not issued by the Board, the Department's decision on the application is final 16 days after the Department's decision is made.
- F. Permit Inspection - As required by ARM 17.8.755, Inspection of Permit, a copy of the air quality permit shall be made available for inspection by Department personnel at the location of the permitted source.
- G. Permit Fees - Pursuant to Section 75-2-220, MCA, as amended by the 1991 Legislature, failure to pay of the annual operation fee by LHC may be grounds for revocation of this permit, as required by that Section and rules adopted thereunder by the Board.
- H. Construction Commencement - Construction must begin within three years of permit issuance and proceed with due diligence until the project is complete or the permit shall be revoked.
- I. The Department may modify the conditions of this permit based on local conditions of any future site. These factors may include, but are not limited to, local terrain, meteorological conditions, proximity to residences, etc.
- J. LHC shall comply with the conditions contained in this permit while operating at any location in Montana, except within those areas having a Department-approved permitting program.

PERMIT ANALYSIS
LHC, Inc.
Permit Number #2615-14

I. Introduction/Process Description

A. Permitted Equipment

LHC, Inc. (LHC) owns and operates a portable crushing/screening facility consisting of one crusher (up to 140 tons per hour (TPH)), one screen (up to 140 TPH), one diesel engine/generator (up to 455 kilowatts (kW)), and associated equipment. The facility is allowed to move to various locations throughout Montana, except those areas with a Department of Environmental Quality (Department)-approved permitting program. *A Missoula County air quality permit will be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.* Addendum 13 applies to the LHC facility while operating at specified locations in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment areas during the winter months (October 1 through March 31) and various locations throughout these identified PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 – September 30).

B. Process Description

LHC proposes to use this crushing/screening plant and associated equipment to crush sand and gravel materials for use in various construction operations. For a typical operational setup, materials are loaded into the crushing/screening plant by a hopper, transferred by conveyor, and passed through the crushers. Materials are crushed by the crusher and sent to the three screens. Materials are screened, separated, and sent to stockpile for sale and use in construction operations.

C. Permit History

On February 3, 1990, **Permit #2615-00** was issued to LHC to operate a 1958 Universal portable gravel crusher. On July 16, 1993, **Permit #2615-01**, with **Addendum 1**, was issued because the crushing plant moved to within approximately 7 kilometers (km) of the Whitefish PM₁₀ nonattainment area (NAA). Addendum 1 expired September 30, 1993. On July 1, 1994, **Permit #2615-02**, with **Addendum 2**, was issued because the crushing/screening plant moved to the same location. Addendum 2 expired on September 30, 1994.

On November 10, 1994, **Permit #2615-03**, with **Addendum 3**, was issued because the crushing/screening plant moved within approximately 5 kilometers (km) of the Whitefish and Columbia Falls PM₁₀ NAAs. Addendum 3 expired on September 30, 1995.

On March 2, 1995, **Permit #2615-04**, with **Addendum 4**, was issued to allow the crushing/screening plant to operate in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain PM₁₀ NAAs during the summer months (April 1, 1995, through September 30, 1995). Addendum 4 expired on September 30, 1995.

On August 17, 1995, **Permit #2615-05**, with **Addendum 5**, was issued to allow the crushing plant to operate in or within 10 kilometers (km) of the Columbia Falls and Whitefish PM₁₀ NAA's during the winter months (October 1, 1995, through March 31, 1996). Addendum 5 expired on March 31, 1996.

On March 23, 1997, **Permit #2615-06** was issued for the replacement of the 1958 Universal jaw and rolls crusher with a 1950 Pioneer jaw crusher, to include the 206-kW diesel generator, and **Addendum 6** was used to allow the facility to operate in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ NAAs through September 30, 1997.

On October 6, 1997, **Permit #2615-07**, with **Addendum 7**, was issued to allow the permitted facility to operate in or within 10 km of the Kalispell PM₁₀ NAA through March 31, 1998.

On January 2, 1998, **Permit #2615-08**, with **Addendum 8**, was issued to allow the permitted facility to operate in or within 10 km of the Columbia Falls PM₁₀ NAA through September 30, 1998.

On February 7, 1998, a modification to Permit #2615-08 was issued. LHC requested Permit #2615-08 be modified to allow the permitted facility to operate in or within 10 km of the Thompson Falls PM₁₀ NAA (Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 29 West, Sanders County, Montana; lying south of Montana Highway 200 and north of the Burlington Northern Railroad right-of-way) through September 30, 1998. LHC was still allowed to operate in or within 10 km of the Columbia Falls PM₁₀ NAA (Section 36, Township 30 North, Range 21 West, Lot 3, Flathead County, Montana) through September 30, 1998. LHC was also still allowed to operate in or within 10 km of the Kalispell PM₁₀ NAA (Sections 25 and 26, Township 29 North, Range 22 West, Flathead County, Montana) through September 30, 1998. The Department conducted modeling for the winter locations and determined that LHC would not adversely affect the Thompson Falls, Columbia Falls, or Kalispell NAAs. **Permit #2615-09** replaced Permit #2615-08, and **Addendum 9** replaced Addendum 8.

On November 5, 1998, LHC requested that Permit #2615-09 be modified to allow the permitted facility to operate at the Kalispell home pit located in Sections 25 and 26, Township 29 North, Range 22 West, Flathead County, Montana through March 31, 1999. **Permit #2615-10** and **Addendum 10** also allowed the plant to operate in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ NAAs from April 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999. Permit #2615-10 replaced Permit #2615-09 and Addendum 10 replaced Addendum 9.

On October 6, 1999, LHC requested that Permit #2615-10 be modified to allow the permitted facility to operate at the following locations during the winter months of October 1, 1999, through March 31, 2000: 1) the Kalispell home pit located at Sections 25 and 26, Township 29 North, Range 22 West, in Flathead County, Montana; and 2) the Thompson Falls pit located at Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 29 West, in Sanders County, Montana. The plant initially located at the Kalispell home pit. Because the Kalispell home pit is located within 10 km of the Kalispell PM₁₀ NAA and the Thompson Falls pit is located within 10 km of the Thompson Falls PM₁₀ NAA, SCREEN VIEW modeling was conducted to establish site-specific conditions to demonstrate compliance with ambient standards. **Permit #2615-11** replaced Permit #2615-10, and **Addendum 11** replaced Addendum 10.

On February 7, 2001, LHC requested that Permit #2615-11 be modified to allow the permitted facility to operate at the following locations during the winter months of October 1, 2000, through March 31, 2001: 1) the Kalispell home pit located at Sections 25 and 26, Township 29 North, Range 22 West, in Flathead County, Montana; and 2) the Whitefish pit located at the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 22 West, in Flathead County, Montana. The plant initially located at the Kalispell home pit. Because both the Kalispell home pit and the Whitefish pit are located within 10 km of the PM₁₀ NAA, SCREEN VIEW modeling was conducted to establish site specific conditions to demonstrate compliance with ambient standards for operating at the two

wintertime locations.

In addition to wintertime operations, the facility was also allowed to operate in or within 10 km of certain NAAs during the summer months (April 1, 2001, through September 30, 2001). **Permit #2615-12** replaced Permit #2615-11, and **Addendum 12** replaced Addendum 11.

D. Current Permit Action

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E. Additional Information

Additional information, such as applicable rules and regulations, Best Available Control Technology (BACT)/Reasonably Available Control Technology (RACT) determinations, air quality impacts, and environmental assessments, is included in the analysis associated with each change to the permit.

II. Applicable Rules and Regulations

The following are partial explanations of some applicable rules and regulations that apply to the facility. The complete rules are stated in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and are available, upon request, from the Department. Upon request, the Department will provide references for locations of complete copies of all applicable rules and regulations or copies where appropriate.

A. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 1 - General Provisions, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.101 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this subchapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.105 Testing Requirements. Any person or persons responsible for the emission of any air contaminant into the outdoor atmosphere shall, upon written request of the Department, provide the facilities and necessary equipment (including instruments and sensing devices) and shall conduct tests, emission or ambient, for such periods of time as may be necessary using methods approved by the Department.
3. ARM 17.8.106 Source Testing Protocol. The requirements of this rule apply to any emission source testing conducted by the Department, any source, or other entity as required by any rule in this chapter, or any permit or order issued pursuant to this chapter, or the provisions of the Clean Air Act of Montana, 75-2-101, *et seq.*, Montana Code Annotated (MCA).

LHC shall comply with all requirements contained in the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual, including, but not limited to, using the proper test methods and supplying the required reports. A copy of the Montana Source Test Protocol and Procedures Manual is available from the Department upon

request.

4. ARM 17.8.110 Malfunctions. (2) The Department must be notified promptly by telephone whenever a malfunction occurs that can be expected to create emissions in excess of any applicable emission limitation or to continue for a period greater than four hours.
5. ARM 17.8.111 Circumvention. (1) No person shall cause or permit the installation or use of any device or any means which, without resulting in reduction in the total amount of air contaminant emitted, conceals or dilutes an emission of air contaminant that would otherwise violate an air pollution control regulation. (2) No equipment that may produce emissions shall be operated or maintained in such a manner as to create a public nuisance.

B. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 2 - Ambient Air Quality, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.210 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide
2. ARM 17.8.211 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide
3. ARM 17.8.212 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide
4. ARM 17.8.220 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Settled Particulate Matter
5. ARM 17.8.223 Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM₁₀

LHC must maintain compliance with the applicable ambient air quality standards.

C. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 3 - Emission Standards, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.304 Visible Air Contaminants. This rule requires that no person may cause or authorize emissions to be discharged into the outdoor atmosphere from any source installed after November 23, 1968, that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes.
2. ARM 17.8.308 Particulate Matter, Airborne. (1) This rule requires an opacity limitation of less than 20% for all fugitive emission sources and that reasonable precautions be taken to control emissions of airborne particulate matter. (2) Under this rule, LHC shall not cause or authorize the use of any street, road, or parking lot without taking reasonable precautions to control emissions of airborne particulate matter.
3. ARM 17.8.309 Particulate Matter, Fuel Burning Equipment. This rule requires that no person shall cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter caused by the combustion of fuel in excess of the amount determined by this section.
4. ARM 17.8.310 Particulate Matter, Industrial Processes. This rule requires that no person shall cause or allow to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter in excess of the amount set forth in this section.
5. ARM 17.8.322 Sulfur Oxide Emissions--Sulfur in Fuel. This rule requires that no person shall burn liquid, solid, or gaseous fuel in excess of the amount set forth in this section.
6. ARM 17.8.324 Hydrocarbon Emissions--Petroleum Products. (3) No person shall load or permit the loading of gasoline into any stationary tank with a capacity of 250 gallons or more from any tank truck or trailer, except through a permanent submerged fill pipe, unless such tank truck or trailer is equipped with a vapor loss control device as described in (1) of this rule.

7. ARM 17.8.340 Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources. This rule incorporates, by reference, 40 CFR 60, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS). The owner or operator of any stationary source or modification, as defined and applied in 40 CFR Part 60, NSPS, shall comply with the standards and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60. Subpart OOO, Standards of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants, indicates that NSPS requirements apply to crushing/screening facilities with capacities greater than 150 tons per hour and that were constructed after August 31, 1983. The LHC facility has a capacity less than 150 tons per hour and at the time of issuance of Permit #2615-14, LHC does not have NSPS applicable equipment; therefore, NSPS requirements do not apply to the facility.

D. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 5 - Air Quality Permit Application, Operation, and Open Burning Fees, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.504 Air Quality Permit Application Fees. This rule requires that LHC submit an air quality permit application fee concurrent with the submittal of an air quality permit application. A permit application is incomplete until the proper application fee is paid to the Department. LHC submitted the required permit application fee for the current permit action.
2. ARM 17.8.505 Air Quality Operation Fees. An annual air quality operation fee must, as a condition of continued operation, be submitted to the Department by each source of air contaminants holding an air quality permit, excluding an open burning permit, issued by the Department. This air quality operation fee is based on the actual or estimated actual amount of air pollutants emitted during the previous calendar year.

An air quality operation fee is separate and distinct from an air quality permit application fee. The annual assessment and collection of the air quality operation fee, described above, shall take place on a calendar-year basis. The Department may insert into any final permit issued after the effective date of these rules, such conditions as may be necessary to require the payment of an air quality operation fee on a calendar-year basis, including provisions that pro-rate the required fee amount.

E. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 7 - Permit, Construction and Operation of Air Contaminant Sources, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.740 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.743 Montana Air Quality Permits--When Required. This rule requires a person to obtain an air quality permit or permit alteration to construct, alter, or use any asphalt plant, crusher, or screen that has the Potential to Emit (PTE) greater than 15 tons per year of any pollutant. LHC has a PTE greater than 15 tons per year of total particulate matter (PM), particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), and carbon monoxide (CO); therefore, an air quality permit is required.
3. ARM 17.8.744 Montana Air Quality Permits--General Exclusions. This rule identifies the activities that are not subject to the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.

4. ARM 17.8.745 Montana Air Quality Permits—Exclusion for De Minimis Changes. This rule identifies the de minimis changes at permitted facilities that do not require a permit under the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.
5. ARM 17.8.748 New or Modified Emitting Units--Permit Application Requirements. (1) This rule requires that a permit application be submitted prior to installation, modification, or use of a source. LHC submitted the required permit application for the current permit action. (7) This rule requires that the applicant notify the public by means of legal publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the application for a permit. LHC submitted an affidavit of publication of public notice for the June 18, 2006, issue of the *Daily Inter Lake*, a newspaper of general circulation in the city of Kalispell in Flathead County, as proof of compliance with the public notice requirements.
6. ARM 17.8.749 Conditions for Issuance or Denial of Permit. This rule requires that the permits issued by the Department must authorize the construction and operation of the facility or emitting unit subject to the conditions in the permit and the requirements of this subchapter. This rule also requires that the permit must contain any conditions necessary to assure compliance with the Federal Clean Air Act (FCAA), the Clean Air Act of Montana, and rules adopted under those acts.
7. ARM 17.8.752 Emission Control Requirements. This rule requires a source to install the maximum air pollution control capability that is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized. The required BACT analysis is included in Section IV of this permit analysis.
8. ARM 17.8.755 Inspection of Permit. This rule requires that air quality permits shall be made available for inspection by the Department at the location of the source.
9. ARM 17.8.756 Compliance with Other Requirements. This rule states that nothing in the permit shall be construed as relieving LHC of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided in ARM 17.8.740, *et seq.*
10. ARM 17.8.759 Review of Permit Applications. This rule describes the Department's responsibilities for processing permit applications and making permit decisions on those permit applications that do not require the preparation of an environmental impact statement.
11. ARM 17.8.762 Duration of Permit. An air quality permit shall be valid until revoked or modified, as provided in this subchapter, except that a permit issued prior to construction of a new or altered source may contain a condition providing that the permit will expire unless construction is commenced within the time specified in the permit, which in no event may be less than 1 year after the permit is issued.
12. ARM 17.8.763 Revocation of Permit. An air quality permit may be revoked upon written request of LHC, or for violations of any requirement of the Clean Air Act of Montana, rules adopted under the Clean Air Act of Montana, the FCAA, rules adopted under the FCAA, or any applicable requirement contained in the Montana State Implementation Plan (SIP).

13. ARM 17.8.764 Administrative Amendment to Permit. An air quality permit may be amended for changes in any applicable rules and standards adopted by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) or changed conditions of operation at a source or stack that do not result in an increase of emissions as a result of those changed conditions. The owner or operator of a facility may not increase the facility's emissions beyond permit limits unless the increase meets the criteria in ARM 17.8.745 for a de minimis change not requiring a permit, or unless the owner or operator applies for and receives another permit in accordance with ARM 17.8.748, ARM 17.8.749, ARM 17.8.752, ARM 17.8.755, and ARM 17.8.756, and with all applicable requirements in ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapters 8, 9, and 10.
14. ARM 17.8.765 Transfer of Permit. (1) This rule states that an air quality permit may be transferred from one location to another if the Department receives a complete notice of Intent to Transfer location, the facility will operate in the new location for less than 1 year, the facility will comply with the FCAA and the Clean Air Act of Montana, and the facility complies with other applicable rules. (2) This rule states that an air quality permit may be transferred from one person to another if written notice of Intent to Transfer, including the names of the transferor and the transferee, is sent to the Department.

F. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 8 - Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.801 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.818 Review of Major Stationary Sources and Major Modifications-- Source Applicability and Exemptions. The requirements contained in ARM 17.8.819 through ARM 17.8.827 shall apply to any major stationary source and any major modification with respect to each pollutant subject to regulation under the FCAA that it would emit, except as this subchapter would otherwise allow.

This facility is not a major stationary source since it is not a listed source and the facility's PTE is less than 250 tons per year of any pollutant (excluding fugitive emissions).

G. ARM 17.8, Subchapter 12 - Operating Permit Program Applicability, including, but not limited to:

1. ARM 17.8.1201 Definitions. (23) Major Source under Section 7412 of the FCAA is defined as any stationary source having:
 - a. PTE > 100 tons/year of any pollutant.
 - b. PTE > 10 tons/year of any one Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP), PTE > 25 tons/year of a combination of all HAPs, or lesser quantity as the Department may establish by rule, or
 - c. PTE > 70 tons/year of PM₁₀ in a serious PM₁₀ nonattainment area.
2. ARM 17.8.1204 Air Quality Operating Permit Program Applicability. (1) Title V of the FCAA Amendments of 1990 requires that all sources, as defined in ARM 17.8.1204 (1), obtain a Title V Operating Permit. In reviewing and issuing Air Quality Permit #2615-14 for the LHC facility, the following conclusions were made:
 - a. The facility's PTE is less than 100 tons/year for any pollutant.

- b. The facility's PTE is less than 10 tons/year for any one HAP and less than 25 ton/year of all HAPs.
- c. This source is not located in a serious PM₁₀ nonattainment area.
- d. This facility is not subject to any current NESHAP standards.
- e. The facility is currently subject to NSPS standards (40 CFR 60, Subpart A, General Provisions, and Subpart OOO, Non-Metallic Mineral Processing Plants).
- f. This source is not a Title IV affected source nor a solid waste combustion unit.
- g. This source is not an EPA designated Title V source.

Based on these facts, the Department has determined that LHC will be a minor source of emissions as defined under Title V. However, if minor sources subject to NSPS are required to obtain a Title V Operating Permit, LHC will be required to obtain a Title V Operating Permit.

III. BACT Analysis

A BACT determination is required for any new or altered source. LHC shall install on the new or altered source the maximum air pollution control capability that is technologically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be used.

Two types of emissions controls are readily available and used for dust suppression of fugitive emissions at the site, fugitive emissions for the surrounding area of operations, and for equipment emissions from the crushing/screening operation. These two control methods are water and chemical dust suppressant. Chemical dust suppressant could be used for dust suppression on the area surrounding the crushing/screening operation and for emissions from the crushing/screening operation. However, because water is more readily available, is more cost effective, is equally effective as chemical dust suppressant, and is more environmentally friendly, water has been identified as the most appropriate method of pollution control of particulate emissions for the general plant area. In addition, water suppression has been required of recently permitted similar sources. However, LHC may use chemical dust suppressant to assist in controlling particulate emissions from the surrounding plant area where it would assist in reducing emissions of particulate matter.

LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any non-NSPS affected equipment, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any NSPS affected crusher, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 15% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes. Also, LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any affected screen, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes. LHC must also take reasonable precautions to limit the fugitive emissions of airborne particulate matter from haul roads, access roads, parking areas, and the general area of operation. LHC is required to have water spray bars and water available on site (at all times) and to apply the water, as necessary, to maintain compliance with the opacity and reasonable precaution limitations. LHC may also use chemical dust suppression, in order to maintain compliance with emissions limitations in Section I.A of Permit #2615-14. The Department determined that using water spray bars, water, and chemical dust

suppressant to maintain compliance with the opacity requirements and reasonable precaution limitations constitutes BACT for the crushing/screening operation.

Because of the limited amount of emissions produced by the diesel generators/engines and the lack of readily available/cost effective add-on controls, add-on controls would be cost prohibitive. Therefore, the Department determined that proper operation and maintenance with no additional controls would constitute BACT for the diesel generators/engines.

The control options required for the diesel generators/engines that would be used to power the facility are similar to other recently permitted similar sources and are capable of achieving the appropriate emission standards.

IV. Emission Inventory

Source	Tons/Year					
	PM	PM ₁₀	NO _x	VOC	CO	SO _x
Crusher (up to 140 TPH)	0.74	0.33				
Screen (up to 140 TPH)	1.35	0.45				
Truck Unloading (1)	0.09	0.03				
Material Transfer (4 Material Transfers, 140 TPH)	0.34	0.11				
Pile Forming (2 Pile Forming, 140 TPH)	3.92	1.84				
Engines/Generators (up to 455 kW)	1.87	1.87	82.83	1.88	17.85	20.15
Haul Roads	12.68	3.60				
Total	20.99	8.24	82.83	1.88	17.85	20.15

Note: A complete emission inventory for Permit #2615-14 is on file with the Department.

V. Existing Air Quality

Permit #2615-14 is issued for the operation of a portable crushing/screening facility to operate at various locations throughout Montana. This facility would be allowed to operate at any area designated as attainment or unclassified for all National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS); excluding those counties that have a Department-approved permitting program, those areas considered tribal lands, or those areas in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. *A Missoula County air quality permit would be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.* Addendum 13 of Permit #2615-14 would cover this portable crushing/screening plant while operating at locations in or within 10 km of a PM₁₀ nonattainment area during the winter season (October 1 through March 31). Addendum 13 of Permit #2615-14 would also allow for summertime operations (April 1 – September 30) at any location in or within 10 km of the Butte, Columbia Falls, Libby, Kalispell, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

Based on the information provided and the conditions established in Permit #2615-14, the amount of controlled emissions generated by this facility will not exceed any set ambient air quality standards. The conditions in Permit #2615-14 will be protective of air quality while LHC is operating at locations designated as attainment or unclassified for all NAAQS. In addition, the limitations and conditions established in Addendum 13 would further reduce emissions in the nonattainment areas and would be protective of the ambient air quality standards. Also, this facility is a portable source that would operate on an intermittent and temporary basis, so any effects to air quality will be minor and short-lived.

Addendum 13
LHC, Inc.
Permit #2615-14

An addendum to air quality Permit #2615-14 is issued to LHC, Inc. (LHC), pursuant to Sections 75-2-204 and 75-2-211 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.765, as amended, for the following:

I. Permitted Equipment

LHC owns and operates a portable crushing/screening facility consisting of one crusher (up to 140 tons per hour (TPH)), one screen (up to 140 TPH), one diesel engine/generator (up to 455 kilowatts (kW)), and associated equipment.

II. Seasonal and Site Restrictions

Addendum 13 applies to the LHC facility while operating at any location in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. Additionally, seasonal and site restrictions apply to the facility as follows:

A. During the winter season (October 1-March 31) – The only location(s) in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment area where LHC may operate is:

- Kalispell home pit located at the NE ¼ of Section 26 and the NW ¼ of Section 25, Township 29 North, Range 22 West, in Flathead County;
- Thompson Falls pit located at Section 13, Township 21 North, Range 29 West, in Sanders County;
- Whitefish pit located at the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 1, Township 30 North, Range 22 West, in Flathead County; and
- Any site that may be approved, in writing, by the Department of Environmental Quality (Department).

B. During the summer season (April 1-September 30) – LHC may operate at any location in or within 10 km of the Butte, Columbia Falls, Libby, Kalispell, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

C. LHC shall comply with the limitations and conditions contained in Addendum 13 to Permit #2615-14. Addendum 13 shall be valid until revoked or modified. The Department reserves the authority to modify Addendum 13 at any time based on local conditions of any future site. These conditions may include, but are not limited to, local terrain, meteorological conditions, proximity to residences or other businesses, etc.

III. Limitations and Conditions

A. Operational Limitations and Conditions – **Winter Season (October 1 – March 31)**

1. Water spray bars must be available and operated, as necessary, on the crushers, screens, and all transfer points whenever the crushing/screening plant is operating (ARM 17.8.749).
2. All visible emissions from the crushing/screening plant may not exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).

3. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any other equipment, such as transfer points, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
4. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from haul roads, access roads, parking lots, or the general plant property any visible fugitive emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
5. LHC shall treat all unpaved portions of the haul roads, access roads, parking lots, and general plant area with water and/or chemical dust suppressant as necessary to maintain compliance with the 10% opacity limitation (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Total crushing production from the crusher shall not exceed 3,360 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).
7. Total screening production from the screen shall not exceed 3,360 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).

B. Operational Limitations and Conditions – Summer Season (April 1 – September 30)

1. Water spray bars must be available and operated, as necessary, on the crushers, screens, and all transfer points whenever the crushing/screening plant is operating (ARM 17.8.749).
2. All visible emissions from the crushing/screening plant may not exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
3. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any other equipment, such as transfer points, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
4. LHC shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from haul roads, access roads, parking lots, or the general plant property any visible fugitive emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over six consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
5. LHC shall treat all unpaved portions of the haul roads, access roads, parking lots, and general plant area with water and/or chemical dust suppressant as necessary to maintain compliance with the 10% opacity limitation (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Total crushing production from the crusher shall not exceed 3,360 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).
7. Total screening production from the screen shall be limited to 3,360 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).

C. Operational Reporting Requirements

1. LHC shall provide the Department with written notification of job completion

- within 10 working days of job completion (ARM 17.8.749).
2. LHC shall provide the Department with written notice of relocation of the permitted equipment within 15 working days before the physical transfer of the equipment (ARM 17.8.765).
 3. Production information for the sites covered by this addendum must be submitted to the Department with the annual emission inventory request or within 30 days of completion of the project. The information must include (ARM 17.8.749):
 - a. Tons of material crushed at each site;
 - b. Tons of material screened by each screen at each site;
 - c. Tons of bulk material loaded at each site;
 - d. Daily hours of operation at each site;
 - e. Gallons of diesel fuel used for the generators/engines at each site;
 - f. Fugitive dust information consisting of a listing of all plant vehicles including the following for each vehicle type:
 - i. Number of vehicles;
 - ii. Vehicle type;
 - iii. Vehicle weight, loaded;
 - iv. Vehicle weight, unloaded;
 - v. Number of tires on vehicle;
 - vi. Average trip length;
 - vii. Number of trips per day per vehicle;
 - viii. Average vehicle speed;
 - ix. Area of activity; and
 - x. Vehicle fuel usage (gasoline or diesel) annual total.
 - g. Fugitive dust control for haul roads and general plant area:
 - i. Hours of operation of water trucks; and
 - ii. Application schedule for chemical dust suppressant, if applicable.
 4. LHC shall document, by day, the total crushing production during the winter season. LHC shall sum the total crushing production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the limitations in Section III.A.6. A written report of compliance verification and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
 5. LHC shall document, by day, the total crushing production during the summer season. LHC shall sum the combined total crushing production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the limitations in Section III.B.6. A written report of compliance verification and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).

6. LHC shall document, by day, the total screening production during the winter season. LHC shall sum the total screening production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the limitations in Section III.A.7. A written report of compliance verification and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
7. LHC shall document, by day, the total screening production during the summer season. LHC shall sum the combined total screening production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the limitations in Section III.B.7. A written report of compliance verification and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).

Addendum 13 Analysis
LHC, Inc.
Permit #2615-14

I. Permitted Equipment

LHC, Inc. (LHC) owns and operates a portable crushing/screening facility consisting of one crusher (up to 140 tons per hour (TPH)), one screen (up to 140 TPH), one diesel engine/generator (up to 455 kilowatts (kW)), and associated equipment.

II. Source Description

LHC proposes to use this crushing/screening plant and associated equipment to crush sand and gravel materials for use in various construction operations. For a typical operational setup, materials are loaded into the crushing/screening plant by a hopper and transferred by conveyor and passed through the crusher. Materials are crushed, by the crusher and sent to the screens. Materials are screened, separated, and sent to stockpile for sale and use in construction operations.

III. Applicable Rules and Regulations

The following are partial quotations of some applicable rules and regulations that apply to the facility. The complete rules are stated in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) and are available, upon request, from the Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Upon request, the Department will provide references for locations of complete copies of all applicable rules and regulations or copies where appropriate.

ARM 17.8, Subchapter 7 - Permit, Construction and Operation of Air Contaminant Sources, including, but not limited to:

- A. ARM 17.8.749 Conditions for Issuance of Permit. This rule requires that the source demonstrate compliance with applicable rules and standards before a permit can be issued. Also, a permit may be issued with such conditions as are necessary to assure compliance with all applicable rules and standards. LHC demonstrated compliance with all applicable rules and standards as required for permit issuance.

- B. ARM 17.8.764 Modification of Permit. An air quality permit may be modified for changes in any applicable rules and standards adopted by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) or changed conditions of operation at a source or stack which do not result in an increase in emissions because of the changed conditions. A source may not increase its emissions beyond those found in its permit unless the source applies for and receives another permit.

- C. ARM 17.8.765 Transfer of Permit. An air quality permit may be transferred from one location to another if:
 - 1. Written notice of Intent to Transfer location and proof of public notice are sent to the Department;
 - 2. The source will operate in the new location for a period of less than 1 year; and
 - 3. The source will not have any significant impact on any nonattainment area or any Class I area.

LHC must submit proof of compliance with the transfer and public notice requirements

when LHC transfers to any of the locations covered by this addendum and will only be allowed to stay in the new location for a period of less than 1 year. Also, the conditions and limitations in Addendum 13 to Permit #2615-14 will prevent LHC from having a significant impact on PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

IV. Emission Inventory

Source	Lb/Day					
	PM	PM ₁₀	NO _x	VOC	CO	SO _x
Crusher (up to 140 TPH)	4.03	1.81				
Screen (up to 140 TPH)	7.39	2.49				
Truck Unloading (1)	0.47	0.15				
Material Transfer (4 Material Transfers, 140 TPH)	1.88	0.62				
Pile Forming (2 Pile Forming, 140 TPH)	21.50	10.08				
Engine/Generator (up to 455-kW)	10.25	10.25	453.84	10.32	52.13	25.25
Haul Roads	69.50	19.75				
Total	115.03	45.15	453.84	10.32	52.13	25.25

Note: Emission inventory for winter and summer season.

V. Existing Air Quality

Addendum 13 to Permit #2615-14 is for a portable crushing/screening plant to locate at sites in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the winter season (October 1 through March 31). Winter season (October 1 through March 31) operations may include only the locations listed in Section II.A of Addendum 13 or at locations that are approved, in writing, by the Department. Addendum 13 of Permit #2615-14 would also allow for summertime operations (April 1 – September 30) at any location in or within 10 km of the Butte, Columbia Falls, Libby, Kalispell, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

LHC applied for an air quality permit to operate a portable crushing/screening plant to be located at various locations throughout Montana. Permit #2615-14 and Addendum 13 will cover the LHC crushing/screening plant while operating at any location within Montana, excluding those counties that have a Department-approved permitting program and those areas considered tribal lands. Based on the information provided, the amount of controlled emissions generated by this facility will not exceed any ambient air quality standard. In addition, this source is portable and any air quality impacts will be minimal.

VII. Taking or Damaging Implication Analysis

As required by 2-10-101 through 105, Montana Code Annotated (MCA), the Department conducted a private property taking and damaging assessment and determined there are no taking or damaging implications.

VIII. Environmental Assessment

An environmental assessment, required by the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA), was completed for this project. A copy is attached.

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Issued For: LHC, Inc.

Permit Number: #2615-14

Preliminary Determination Issued: July 14, 2006

Department Decision Issued: August 1, 2006

Permit Final: August 17, 2006

1. *Legal Description of Site:* LHC operates a portable crushing/screening facility. However, Permit #2615-14 would apply while operating at any location in Montana, except within those areas having a Department-approved permitting program or those areas considered tribal lands. A *Missoula County air quality permit will be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.* Addendum 13 applies to the LHC facility while operating at any location in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 – September 30) and at sites approved by the Department during the winter months (October 1 – March 31).
2. *Description of Project:* On June 14, 2006, the Department received a request from LHC for a modification to Permit #2615-13. The modification requested the replacement of the 206-kW diesel generator with a 455-kW diesel generator.
3. *Objectives of Project:* By increasing the size of the diesel generator, LHC would be able to provide increased power to LHC's crushing and screening equipment.
4. *Additional Project Site Information:* In many cases, this crushing/screening operation may move to a general site location or open cut pit, which has been previously permitted through the Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau (IEMB). If this were the case, additional information for the site would be found in the Mined Land Reclamation Permit for that specific site.
5. *Alternatives Considered:* In addition to the proposed action, the Department considered the "no-action" alternative. The "no-action" alternative would deny issuance of the air quality preconstruction permit to the proposed facility. However, the Department does not consider the "no-action" alternative to be appropriate because LHC demonstrated compliance with all applicable rules and regulations as required for permit issuance. Therefore, the "no-action" alternative was eliminated from further consideration.
6. *A Listing of Mitigation, Stipulations, and Other Controls:* A listing of the enforceable permit conditions and a permit analysis, including a BACT analysis, would be contained in Permit #2615-14.
7. *Regulatory Effects on Private Property Rights:* The Department considered alternatives to the conditions imposed in this permit as part of the permit development. The Department determined the permit conditions would be reasonably necessary to ensure compliance with applicable

requirements and to demonstrate compliance with those requirements and would not unduly restrict private property rights.

8. *The following table summarizes the potential physical and biological effects of the proposed project on the human environment. The “no action alternative” was discussed previously.*

		Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments Included
A.	Terrestrial and Aquatic Life and Habitats			X			yes
B.	Water Quality, Quantity, and Distribution			X			yes
C.	Geology and Soil Quality, Stability, and Moisture			X			yes
D.	Vegetation Cover, Quantity, and Quality			X			yes
E.	Aesthetics			X			yes
F.	Air Quality			X			yes
G.	Unique Endangered, Fragile, or Limited Environmental Resource				X		yes
H.	Demands on Environmental Resource of Water, Air, and Energy			X			yes
I.	Historical and Archaeological Sites				X		yes
J.	Cumulative and Secondary Impacts			X			yes

Summary of Comments on Potential Physical and Biological Effects: The following comments have been prepared by the Department.

A. Terrestrial and Aquatic Life and Habitats

An increase in the size of the diesel generator would have only minor impacts upon the terrestrial and aquatic life and habitats in areas where the generator may operate. Although air pollutant deposition would occur in the areas where the generator operates, the size and temporary nature of the operation, dispersion characteristics of pollutants, and conditions placed in Permit #2615-14 and Addendum 13 would result in minor impacts. Therefore, the operation of the generator would present only minor impacts to the terrestrial and aquatic life and habitats in areas of potential operation.

B. Water Quality, Quantity, and Distribution

Although there would be an increase in air emissions in the area where the portable diesel generator would operate, there would only be minor impacts on water quality, quantity, and distribution because of the temporary nature, size, operational requirements, and conditions placed in Permit #2615-14 and Addendum 13 for the facility. Further, as described in Section 7.F. of this EA, the Department determined that any impacts from deposition of pollutants would be minor. In addition, any accidental spills or leaks from equipment would be required to be handled according to the appropriate environmental regulations in an effort to minimize any potential adverse impact on the immediate and surrounding area. Overall, the increase in generator size would have minor impacts to water quality, quantity, and distribution in the area of operations.

C. Geology and Soil Quality, Stability, and Moisture

As a result of the increased size of the generator, there would be minor impacts to the geology and soil quality, stability, and moisture near the equipment's operational area because of the increased vehicle traffic and deposition of pollutants from the generator operations. As explained in Section 7.F. of this EA, the facility's size, operational requirements, temporary nature of the operation, and conditions placed in Permit #2615-14 and Addendum 13 would minimize the impacts from deposition.

D. Vegetation Cover, Quantity, and Quality

Minor impacts would occur on vegetative cover, quality, and quantity because the larger generator would operate in an area where vegetation has been previously disturbed. Pollutants would be greatly dispersed and corresponding deposition on vegetation from the proposed project would be minor (see Section 8.F of this EA). Also, water would be used for pollution control, as necessary. Therefore, because water use and corresponding water runoff would be minimal, only minimal amounts of vegetation exists within the pit, and minimal vegetation outside the pit would be impacted, the associated impacts upon vegetation would be minimal.

E. Aesthetics

This larger generator and crushing/screening facility would be visible and would create noise while operating at the existing gravel pit site. However, Permit #2615-14 would include conditions to control emissions, including visible emissions, from the plant. Also, permit limitations and conditions from Addendum 13 would apply when the facility is operating in nonattainment areas. Since this is an existing portable crushing/screening facility and would operate on an intermittent and seasonal basis, any visual aesthetic impacts would be minor and short-lived.

F. Air Quality

Air quality impacts from the proposed project would be minor because this is an existing facility that would operate on an intermittent and temporary basis and would be located at previously disturbed sites. Permit #2615-14 would include conditions limiting the facility's opacity and the facility's crushing/screening production. Permit #2615-14 would also require water and water spray bars be available on site and used to control emissions. Permit #2615-14 would also limit total emissions from the crushing/screening facility and any additional LHC equipment operated at the site to 250 tons/year or less, excluding fugitive emissions. Additionally, Addendum 13 would apply while the facility is operating in or within 10 km of a certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas and would impose more stringent requirements for operations within those areas.

Further, the Department determined that this existing crushing/screening facility would be a minor source of emissions as defined under the Title V Operating Permit Program because the source's PTE was limited below the major source threshold level of 100 tons per year for any regulated pollutant. Pollutant deposition from the facility would be minimal because the pollutants emitted would be widely dispersed (from factors such as wind speed and wind direction) and would have minimal deposition on the surrounding area (due to site topography of the area and minimal vegetative cover in the area). Therefore, air quality impacts from operating the crushing/screening equipment in this area would be minor.

G. Unique Endangered, Fragile, or Limited Environmental Resources

In an effort to identify species of special concern that may be present in the proposed areas of operation, the Department previously contacted the Montana Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) for a review of species of special concern for many gravel pits around the state. This would include many of the pits where the generator may be located, but no initial location was identified under this permit. Issuance of this permit would increase emissions to the atmosphere near the location proposed for the operation of the diesel generator. However, because of the relatively small size and temporary nature of the diesel generator, operating in previously disturbed areas, and conditions placed in Permit #2615-14 and Addendum 13, any impacts to unique endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources from the deposition of pollutants would be minor.

H. Demands on Environmental Resources of Water, Air, and Energy

The diesel generator would be used to provide power to LHC's crushing and screening equipment. Water would be used on haul roads, access roads, parking lots, or the general plant property, as necessary, to control dust resulting from indirect use of the diesel generator. Also, minor amounts of air would be used in diesel generator operations and air quality would be impacted by pollutant emissions. The generator would consume energy from diesel fuel, a non-renewable resource. Generally, the operations are seasonal and would result in smaller demands on environmental resources. Therefore, any impacts on the demands of the environmental resources of water, air, and energy would be minor.

I. Historical and Archaeological Sites

The Department previously contacted the Montana Historical Society - State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) in an effort to identify any historical and/or archaeological sites that may be present in the proposed area of construction/operation. Search results concluded that there are no previously recorded historical or archaeological resources of concern within the area proposed for initial operations. According to past correspondence from the Montana State Historic Preservation Office, there would be a low likelihood of adverse disturbance to any known archaeological or historic site given previous industrial disturbance to an area. Therefore, no impacts upon historical or archaeological sites would be expected as a result of the current permit action.

J. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

The increased size of the diesel generator would cause minor effects to the physical and biological environment because other operations may potentially locate at the same site. However, any operations would have to apply for and receive the appropriate permits from the Department prior to operation. The permits would address the environmental impacts associated with the operations at the proposed sites.

The diesel generator and crushing/screening operation would be limited by Permit #2615-14 to total emissions of 250 tons/year or less from non-fugitive diesel generator operations and any other additional equipment used at any given site.

9. *The following table summarizes the potential economic and social effects of the proposed project on the human environment. The "no action alternative" was discussed previously.*

		Major	Moderate	Minor	None	Unknown	Comments Included
A.	Social Structures and Mores				X		yes
B.	Cultural Uniqueness and Diversity				X		yes
C.	Local and State Tax Base and Tax Revenue			X			yes
D.	Agricultural or Industrial Production			X			yes
E.	Human Health			X			yes
F.	Access to and Quality of Recreational and Wilderness Activities			X			yes
G.	Quantity and Distribution of Employment				X		yes
H.	Distribution of Population				X		yes
I.	Demands for Government Services			X			yes
J.	Industrial and Commercial Activity			X			yes
K.	Locally Adopted Environmental Plans and Goals			X			yes
L.	Cumulative and Secondary Impacts			X			yes

SUMMARY OF COMMENTS ON POTENTIAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL EFFECTS: The following comments have been prepared by the Department.

A. Social Structures and Mores

The increase in size of the diesel generator would cause no disruption to the social structures and mores in the area because the source is an existing minor industrial source of emissions and would only have temporary and intermittent operations. Further, the facility would be required to operate according to the conditions that would be placed in Permit #2615-14 and Addendum 13, which would limit the effects to social structures and mores.

B. Cultural Uniqueness and Diversity

The cultural uniqueness and diversity of this area would not be impacted by the increased size of the diesel generator because the facility is an existing portable source, with seasonal and intermittent operations.

C. Local and State Tax Base and Tax Revenue

The proposed increase in size of the diesel generator would have little, if any, affect on local and state tax base and tax revenue. The facility is a relatively small and temporary source; therefore, it would not remain at any individual site for any extended time period. No full time, permanent employees would be added as a result of issuing Permit #2615-14, and any revenue created by the operation of the diesel generator would be widespread and for a relatively short time period.

D. Agricultural or Industrial Production

Under normal circumstances, the operation of the diesel generator would take place in a previously disturbed industrial area. Therefore, the Department does not expect that the operation of the diesel generator would affect or displace any agricultural land. Further, the diesel generator operation is small by industrial standards and would have only a minor impact on any local industrial production.

E. Human Health

Permit #2615-14 would incorporate conditions to ensure that the diesel generator would be operated in compliance with all applicable rules and standards. These rules and standards are designed to be protective of human health. As described in Section 7.F. of this EA, the Department determined that any impacts from additional deposition of pollutants associated with the increased generator size would be minor due to dispersion characteristics and conditions placed in Permit #2615-14. The air emissions from this facility would be minimized by opacity limitations on the diesel generator and the surrounding area of operation.

F. Access to and Quality of Recreational and Wilderness Activities

This larger generator would be located on previously disturbed property and would not impact access to recreational and wilderness activities. However, minor impact on the quality of recreational activities might be created by the noise from the generator. Emissions from the generator would be minimized as a result of limitations placed in Permit #2615-14 and the temporary and portable nature of the operation.

G. Quantity and Distribution of Employment

This portable crushing/screening operation would only require a few existing employees to operate and would have seasonal and intermittent operations. No individuals would be expected to permanently relocate to this area of operation as a result of increasing the size of the generator. Therefore, no effects upon the quantity and distribution of employment in this area would be expected.

H. Distribution of Population

The portable crushing/screening operation is a portable industrial facility that would require only a few existing employees to operate. No individuals would be expected to permanently relocate to this area of operation as a result of increasing the size of the generator. Therefore, the crushing/screening facility would not impact the normal population distribution in the area of operation or any future operating site.

I. Demands of Government Services

Government services would be required for acquiring the appropriate permits and ensuring compliance with the permits that are issued; however, the government services required would be minor.

J. Industrial and Commercial Activity

The operation of the larger diesel generator would represent only a minor increase in the industrial activity in any given area. No additional industrial or commercial activity would result from the operation of the larger diesel generator because no secondary activities are expected to move to any area as a result of the current project.

K. Locally Adopted Environmental Plans and Goals

LHC would be allowed, by Permit #2615-14, to operate in areas designated by EPA as attainment or unclassified for ambient air quality. Addendum 13 to Permit #2615-14 would allow for summertime operations (April 1- September 30) in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. Permit #2615-14 would contain limits for protecting air quality and to keep facility emissions in compliance with any applicable ambient air quality standards, as a locally adopted environmental plan or goal for operating at this proposed site. Because this is an existing portable facility and would have intermittent and seasonal operations, any impacts from the facility would be minor and short-lived.

L. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

Overall, the cumulative and secondary social and economic impacts from this project would be minor because the larger diesel generator would originally locate at an existing gravel pit. New businesses would not be drawn to the area and permanent jobs would not be created or lost due to the operation of the larger diesel generator. Because no new employees would be hired due to the operation of the larger diesel generator, there would be no economic impacts from new employees. In addition, any social and economic impacts that are created would be minor and short-lived because of the relatively small size and temporary nature of the operation.

Recommendation: An EIS is not required.

If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is an appropriate level of analysis: All potential effects resulting from construction and operation of the proposed facility are minor; therefore, an EIS is not required.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: Montana Department of Environmental Quality - Permitting and Compliance Division (Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau); Montana Natural Heritage Program; and the State Historic Preservation Office (Montana Historical Society).

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