

AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued To: Treasure State Construction, Inc.
36344 Glover Road
Polson, MT 59860

Permit #2893-07
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An air quality permit, with conditions, is granted to Treasure State Construction, Inc. (Treasure) pursuant to Section 75-2-204 and 211 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.740, *et seq.*, as amended, for the following:

Section I: Permitted Facilities

A. Plant Location:

Treasure operates a portable crushing/screening facility at various locations throughout Montana. The facility is currently permitted to operate at Section 29, Township 27 North, Range 3 West in Pondera County. Permit #2893-07 applies while operating in any location in the state of Montana, except within those areas that have a Department of Environmental Quality (Department)-approved permitting program or those areas that are considered tribal lands. Addendum 7 to this permit applies to operations in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment areas. *A Missoula County air quality permit will be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.*

A list of the permitted equipment is contained in Section I.A of the permit analysis.

B. Current Permit Action:

The current permitting action is in response to a request for a permit modification to allow for the operation of a larger diesel generator (1135 kilowatt (kW)) and to make the permit more de minimis friendly. In addition, this permitting action references new regulation impacting diesel generators and updates emission factors to reflect the current factors used by the Department. Permit #2893-07 replaces Permit #2893-06 and Addendum 7 replaces Addendum 6.

Section II: Limitations and Conditions

A. Emissions Limitation

1. Treasure 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 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.340, ARM 17.8.752, and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO).
2. Treasure 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 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.340, ARM 17.8.752, and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO).

3. Treasure 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 (ARM 17.8.304 and ARM 17.8.752).
4. Treasure 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 (ARM 17.8.308).
5. Treasure shall treat all unpaved portions of the haul roads, access roads, parking lots, or the general plant area with water and/or chemical dust suppressant as necessary to maintain compliance with the reasonable precautions limitation in Section II.A.4 (ARM 17.8.752).
6. Water and/or dust suppressant shall be available and used, 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).
7. Treasure shall not operate more than two crushing units at any given time and the maximum combined rated design capacity of the crushers shall not exceed 820 tons per hour (TPH) (ARM 17.8.749).
8. Treasure shall not operate more than two screening units at any given time and the maximum combined rated design capacity of the screens shall not exceed 640 TPH (ARM 17.8.749).
9. Total crushing production from the facility shall be limited to 7,183,200 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
10. Total screening production from the facility shall be limited to 5,606,400 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
11. Treasure shall operate no more than one diesel generator, with a maximum rated design of up to 1,522 horsepower (HP) (1135 kW) (ARM 17.8.749).
12. The diesel generator shall not be used more than 4,250 hours during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749 and ARM 17.8.1204).
13. Treasure shall comply with all applicable standards and limitations, and the reporting, record keeping, and notification requirements contained in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart IIII, Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines, for any applicable diesel engines (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, Subpart IIII).
14. If the permitted equipment is used in conjunction with any other equipment owned or operated by Treasure, at the same site, production shall be limited to correspond with an emission level that does not exceed 250 tons during any rolling 12-month period. Any calculations used to establish production levels shall be approved by the Department (ARM 17.8.749).

B. Emissions Testing Requirements

1. All Compliance Source tests shall be conducted in accordance with the Montana Source Testing Protocol and Compliance Source Procedures Manual (ARM 17.8. 106).
2. The Department may require further testing (ARM 17.8.105).

C. Reporting Requirements

1. If the crusher 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. Once the plant is moved to another location, the facility shall not operate in the new location for more than 1 year (ARM 17.8.765).
2. Treasure shall maintain on-site records showing daily hours of operation and daily production rates for the last 12 months. The records compiled in accordance with this permit shall be maintained by Treasure as a permanent business record for at least 5 years following the date of the measurement must be submitted to the Department upon request, and must be available at the plant site for inspection by the Department (ARM 17.8.749).
3. Treasure 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 this permit.

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. Treasure 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 emissions 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. Treasure shall document, by month, the crushing production from the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Treasure shall total the crushing production during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the limitation in Section II.A.9. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted annually to the Department and may be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Treasure shall document, by month, the screening production from the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Treasure shall total the screening production during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the limitation in Section II.A.10. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted annually to the Department and may be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
7. Treasure shall document, by month, the hours of operation of the generator. By the 25th day of each month, Treasure shall total the hours of operation during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the limitation in Section II.A.12. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted annually to the Department and may be submitted along with

8. Treasure shall annually certify that its actual emissions are less than those that would require the source to obtain an air quality operating permit as required by ARM 17.8.1204 (3)(b). The annual certification shall comply with the certification requirements of ARM 17.8.1207. The annual certification shall be submitted with the annual emission inventory information (ARM 17.8.749 and ARM 17.8.1204).

D. Addendum

Treasure shall comply with all conditions in Addendum 7 to this permit as appropriate.

Section III: General Conditions

- A. Inspection – Treasure 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 or observing any monitoring or testing (i.e. CEMS, CERMS), 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 Treasure fails to appeal as indicated below.
- C. Compliance with Statutes and Regulations – Nothing in this permit shall be construed as relieving Treasure of the responsibility for complying with any applicable federal or Montana statute, rule, or standard, except as specifically provided for 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 Fee – Pursuant to Section 75-2-220, MCA, as amended by the 1991 Legislature, failure to pay the annual operation fee by Treasure 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 be begin within 3 years of permit issuance and proceed with due diligence until the project is complete or the permit shall be revoked (ARM 17.8.762).

- 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. Treasure shall comply with the conditions contained in this permit while operating in any location in Montana, except within those areas that have a Department-approved permitting program.

Permit Analysis
Treasure State Construction, Inc.
Permit #2893-07

I. Introduction

A. Permitted Equipment:

Treasure State Construction, Inc. (Treasure) operates a portable crushing/screening facility with the following equipment:

- 1993 EL-Jay 1313 cone crusher (up to 320 tons per hour (TPH));
- 1999 Barmac Impact portable crusher (up to 500 TPH);
- 1974 Cedarapids portable feeder;
- two portable 1990 conveyors (36"x50");
- two screens (total up to 640 TPH);
- one diesel generator (up to 1522 Horsepower (HP)); and
- associated equipment.

B. Source Description

Treasure proposes to use this crushing/screening plant to crush, screen, and sort sand and gravel materials for use in various construction operations. For a typical operational setup, unprocessed materials are loaded into the crushing/screening plant via a hopper and transferred by conveyor to the crushers. From the crusher, materials are sent to the screens, where they are separated and conveyed to stockpiles.

C. Permit History

On September 9, 1995, **Permit #2893-00** was issued to Treasure to operate a portable 1993 EL-Jay cone crusher, a 1974 Cedarapids feeder, two 1990 conveyors (36" x 50'), two screens, and a Caterpillar 3512 Genset generator.

On May 1, 1996, **Permit #2892-01** was issued to Treasure to operate a portable 1993 EL-Jay 1313 cone crusher, a 1974 Cedarapids feeder, two 1990 conveyors (36" x 50'), two screens, and a Caterpillar 3512 Genset generator at the N ¼, SW ¼, Section 34, Township 29 North, Range 20 West, in Flathead County, Montana during the summer and winter months (January 1 through December 31). Because this location was approximately within 10 kilometer (km) of the Kalispell particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment area (NAA), an addendum was necessary for operation. Therefore, **Addendum 1** was established.

On November 9, 1997, **Permit #2893-02** and **Addendum 2** was issued to Treasure to operate in or within 10 km of a PM₁₀ NAA during the summer months (April 1 through September 30) and in the SE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 2, Township 29 North, Range 21 West, in Lincoln County, Montana during the winter months (October 1 through March 31). An hourly operational limit was added to the permit to allow the facility to stay below the Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) threshold levels. A review was conducted during the original permit issuance, but the emission factors changed after the original permit issuance. These rule references were also updated.

On February 20, 1999, Treasure was issued a modification to Permit #2893-02 to allow operation at a location that is within 10 kilometers of the Libby PM₁₀ NAA during the winter

and summer months and any other location that is in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ NAA during the summer months. In addition, the rule references and emission factors were updated and the permitting language was changed to reflect the current format used for writing permits. Finally, Treasure accepted an hourly operational limit for the generator to allow the facility to stay below the Title V operating permit threshold. Therefore, a Title V operating permit is not required. **Permit #2893-03** replaced Permit #2893-02 and **Addendum 3** replaced Addendum 2.

On December 30, 1999, Treasure was issued a modification to Permit #2893-03 to allow for wintertime operations (October 1, 1999, through March 31, 2000) at the following locations; the Creston Gravel Pit located within Section 34 (NE ¼, SW ¼, and NW ¼, SE ¼), Township 29 North, Range 20 West, in Flathead County and the Highway Maintenance Yard Gravel Pit located within Section 14 (NE ¼, NW ¼), Township 21 North, Range 29 West, in Sanders County. According to Department of Environmental Quality (Department) guidance, because the selected operating sites are within 10 km of the Kalispell PM₁₀ NAA and the Thompson Falls PM₁₀ NAA, respectively, the Department has conducted SCREEN3 VIEW modeling to establish allowable production limits in order to ensure compliance with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). **Permit #2892-04** replaces Permit #2892-03 and **Addendum 4** replaces Addendum 3.

On February 7, 2000, Treasure requested a permit modification to include the 1999 Barmac Impactor (maximum capacity 500 TPH) into the equipment previously covered under Permit #2893-04. The Barmac Impactor was inadvertently omitted from Permits #2893-03 and Permit #2893-04, though the equipment addition was initially requested January 7, 1999. During this permitting action, the Department updated the emissions inventory with the new emission factors. As a result of this action, the addition of the equipment was accomplished under the de minimis rule and the production limitation of Permit #2893-04 was removed. **Permit #2893-05** replaced Permit #2893-04 and **Addendum 5** replaced Addendum 4.

This permitting action was in response to a request for an administrative amendment of Permit #2893-05 and Addendum 5. The permit action generalized the permit and renewed the expired addendum. Further, the production limit that was removed in Permit #2893-04 was again established, using new emissions factors to generalize the permit and keep Treasure from exceeding any ambient air quality thresholds. **Permit #2893-06** replaced Permit #2893-05 and **Addendum 6** replaced Addendum 5.

D. Current Permit Action

The current permitting action is in response to a request for a permit modification to allow for the operation of a larger diesel generator (1135 kilowatt (kW)) and to make the permit more de minimis friendly. In addition, this permitting action references a new regulation impacting diesel generators and updates emission factors to reflect the current factors used by the Department. **Permit #2893-07** replaces Permit #2893-06 and **Addendum 7** replaces Addendum 6.

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, are included in the analysis associated with each change to the permit.

II. 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. 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 includes a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, 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).

Treasure shall comply with the 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 4 hours.
5. ARM 17.8.111 Circumvention. (1) No person shall cause or permit the installation or use of any device or any means that, without resulting in reduction of 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 that a public nuisance is created.

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

Treasure 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 6 consecutive minutes.
2. ARM 17.8.308 Particulate Matter, Airborne. (1) This rule requires an opacity limitation of 20% for all fugitive emission sources and that reasonable precautions be taken to control emissions of airborne particulate matter (PM). (2) Under this rule, Treasure 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 rule.
4. ARM 17.8.310 Particulate Matter, Industrial Process. This rule requires that no person shall cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere particulate matter in excess of the amount set forth in this rule.
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 rule.
6. ARM 17.8.340 Standard 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 60, NSPS, shall comply with the standards and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60.
 - Based on the information submitted by Treasure, the crushing/screening equipment to be used under Permit #2893-07 is subject to NSPS requirements because the date of manufacture of the crushers (40 CFR 60, Subpart A General Provisions, and Subpart OOO, Non-Metallic Mineral Processing Plants) is after August 31, 1983.
 - NSPS Subpart IIII, Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines, will apply for any diesel generator manufactured after April 1, 2006, or modified or reconstructed after July 11, 2005. Since the permit is written to allow Treasure to operate any diesel generator up to 1522 HP, this regulation could apply in the future.

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 Treasure 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. Treasure submitted the appropriate 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 facility to obtain an air quality permit or permit alteration to construct, modify, or use any asphalt plant, crusher or screen that has the Potential to Emit (PTE) greater than 15 tons per year of any pollutant. Treasure has the PTE greater than 15 tons per year of PM, 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 Permit--Exclusion for De Minimis Changes. This rule identifies the de minimis changes at permitted facilities that are not subject to the Montana Air Quality Permit Program.
 5. ARM 17.8.748 New or Modified Emitting Units--Permit Application Requirements. This rule requires that a permit application be submitted prior to installation, alteration or use of a source. Treasure 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. Treasure submitted an affidavit of publication of public notice for the May 3, 2007, issue of the *Daily Interlake*, 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 III 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 Treasure 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 Treasure, 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 Modification--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 (excluding fugitive emissions) of any air pollutant.

- 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 #2893-07 for Treasure, the following conclusions were made:
 - a. The facility's PTE is less than 100 tons/year for all criteria pollutants, due to operational restrictions placed on the facility.
 - b. The facility's PTE is less than 10 tons/year for any one HAP and less than 25 tons/year of all HAPs.
 - c. This source is not located in a serious PM₁₀ nonattainment area.
 - d. This facility is subject to a current NSPS (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart OOO) standards.
 - e. This facility is not subject to any current NESHAP standards.
 - 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 Treasure is not subject to Title V Operating Permit requirements. However, if sources subject to NSPS are required to obtain a Title V Operating Permit, Treasure will be required to obtain an Operating Permit.

- h. ARM 17.8.1204(3). The Department may exempt a source from the requirement to obtain an air quality operating permit by establishing federally enforceable limitations, which limit that source's potential to emit.
 - i. In applying for an exemption under this section, the owner or operator of the source shall certify to the Department that the source's potential to emit does not require the source to obtain an air quality operating permit.
 - ii. Any source that obtains a federally enforceable limit on potential to emit shall annually certify that its actual emissions are less than those that would require the source to obtain an air quality operating permit.

The Department has determined that the annual reporting requirements contained in the permit are sufficient to satisfy this requirement.

- 3. ARM 17.8.1207 Certification of Truth, Accuracy, and Completeness. The compliance certification submittal required by ARM 17.8.1204(3) shall contain certification by a responsible official of truth, accuracy, and completeness. This certification and any other certification required under this subchapter shall state that, based on information and belief formed after reasonable inquiry, the statements and information in the document are true, accurate, and complete.

III. BACT

A BACT determination is required for any new or altered source. Treasure 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.

Because of the lack of readily available/cost effective add-on controls for diesel generators, add-on controls would not be technically/economically feasible in this case. Therefore, the Department determined that proper operation and maintenance with no additional controls would constitute BACT for the diesel generator/engine. The control options required for the proposed diesel generator is similar to other recently permitted similar sources.

IV. Emission Inventory

Source	Potential Emissions Tons/Year					
	PM	PM ₁₀	NO _x	VOC	CO	SO _x
Crushing (up to 820 TPH)	4.29	1.93				
Screening (up to 640 TPH)	6.18	2.06				
Truck Unloading	0.35	0.35				
Material Transfer	3.50	1.14				
Pile Forming	34.69	16.47				
Diesel Generator (up to 1522 HP)	7.01	7.01	99.81	8.14	21.51	6.57
Haul Roads	12.68	3.60				
Total	68.70	32.56	99.81	8.14	21.51	6.57

- A complete emissions inventory for Permit #2893-07 is on file with the Department. This inventory is based upon a process rate of 820 TPH for the crushing, 640 TPH for the screening equipment and 4,250 hours per year for a 1522 HP diesel generator.

V. Existing Air Quality

Permit #2893-07 is for a portable crushing/screening plant. As a portable source, this facility would operate on an intermittent and temporary basis and any effects on air quality will be minor and short-lived. Permit #2893-07 Addendum 7 is for operation of the portable crushing/screening plant at sites in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. The more stringent operating conditions contained in the addendum will minimize any potential impact on the nonattainment areas and will protect the national ambient air quality standards.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

Permit #2893-07 and Addendum 7 will cover the operations of this portable crushing/screening plant while operating at any location within Montana, excluding those counties that have a Department approved permitting program and those areas that are tribal lands. The facility is currently located at Section 29, Township 27 North, Range 3 West in Pondera County.

Addendum 7 will cover the operations of this portable crushing/screening plant, while operating in or within 10 km of the Thompson Falls and Kalispell PM₁₀ nonattainment areas (2 specific sites) during the winter months (October 1 through March 31). Additionally, the facility will also be allowed to operate in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 through September 30).

Addendum 7
Treasure State Construction, Inc.
Permit #2893-07

An addendum to air quality Permit #2893-07 is hereby granted to Treasure State Construction, Inc. (Treasure) pursuant to Section 75-2-204 and 211 of the Montana Code Annotated (MCA), as amended, and Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.8.765, as amended, for the following:

I. Permitted Equipment:

Treasure operates a portable crushing/screening facility with the following equipment:

- 1993 EL-Jay 1313 cone crusher (up to 320 tons per hour (TPH));
- 1999 Barmac Impact portable crusher (up to 500 TPH);
- 1974 Cedarapids portable feeder;
- two portable 1990 conveyors (36"x50");
- two screens (total up to 640 TPH);
- one diesel generator (up to 1552 Horsepower (HP)); and
- associated equipment.

II. Seasonal and Site Restrictions – **Winter and Summer Season**

Addendum 7 applies to the Treasure facility while operating at any location in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (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 in or within 10 km of a PM₁₀ nonattainment area where Treasure may operate is:
1. The Creston Gravel Pit located within Section 34 (NE¹/₄, SW¹/₄, and NW¹/₄, SE¹/₄), Township 29 North, Range 20 West, in Flathead County, MT
 2. The Highway Maintenance Yard Gravel Pit located within Section 14 (NE ¹/₄, NW ¹/₄), Township 21 North, Range 29 West, in Sanders County.
 3. Any other site that may be approved, in writing, by the Department of Environmental Quality (Department).
- B. During the summer season (April 1-September 30) – Treasure may operate at any location in or within 10 km of the Butte, Columbia Falls, Kalispell, Libby, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.
- C. Treasure shall comply with the limitations and conditions contained in Addendum 7 to Permit #2893-07 while operating in or within 10 km of any of the previously identified PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. Addendum 7 shall be valid until revoked or modified. The Department reserves the authority to modify Addendum 7 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 in operation (ARM 17.8.749).

2. Treasure shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any equipment, such as screens or transfer points, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
3. Treasure 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 (ARM 17.8.749).
4. Treasure shall treat all unpaved portions of the 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).
5. Treasure shall not operate more than two crushers at any one time. Total crusher production shall not exceed 7,000 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Treasure shall not operate more than two screens at any one time. Total screen production shall not exceed 6,000 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).
7. The hours of operation of the diesel generator shall not exceed 9.25 hours 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 in operation (ARM 17.8.749).
2. Treasure shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any equipment, such as screens or transfer points, any visible emissions that exhibit an opacity of 10% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).
3. Treasure 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 (ARM 17.8.749).
4. Treasure shall treat all unpaved portions of the 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).
5. Treasure shall not operate more than two crushing units at any given time and the maximum combined rated design capacity of the crushers shall not exceed 820 tons per hour (TPH) (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Treasure shall not operate more than two screening units at any given time and the maximum combined rated design capacity of the screens shall not exceed 640 TPH (ARM 17.8.749).
7. Total crushing production from the facility shall be limited to 7,183,200 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
8. Total screening production from the facility shall be limited to 5,606,400 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
9. The diesel generator shall not be used more than 4,250 hours during any rolling 12-month

time period (ARM 17.8.749 and ARM 17.8.1204).

C. Operational Reporting Requirements

1. Treasure shall provide the Department with written notification of job completion within 10 working days of job completion (ARM 17.8.749).
2. Treasure shall provide the Department with written notice of relocation of the permitted equipment within 15 working days before the physical transfer of equipment (ARM 17.8.765).
3. Production information for the sites covered by this addendum must be submitted to the Department with the annual emissions inventory or within 30 days of completion of the project. The information must include (ARM 17.8.749):
 - a. Tons of material crushed by each crusher 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 used by the generator at each site,
 - f. Fugitive dust information consisting of all plant vehicles, including the following:
 - 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
 - x. Vehicle fuel usage (gasoline and diesel) annual total
 - g. Fugitive dust control for haul roads and general plant area:
 - i. Hours of operation of water trucks
 - ii. Application schedule for chemical dust suppressant, if applicable
4. Treasure shall document, by day, the total crushing production. Treasure shall sum the total crushing production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the Wintertime limitation in Section III.A.5. A written report of compliance and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted and may be submitted along with the annual emissions inventory (ARM 17.8.752).
5. Treasure shall document, by day, the total screening production. Treasure shall sum the total screening production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the Wintertime limitation in Section III.A.6. A written report of compliance and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted and may be submitted along with the annual emissions inventory (ARM

- 17.8.752).
6. Treasure shall document, by day, the total hours of operation of the diesel generator. Treasure shall sum the total hours of operation of the diesel generator, during the previous 24 hours, to verify compliance with the Wintertime limitation in Section III.A.7. A written report of compliance and the emissions inventory shall be submitted to the Department annually. The report for the previous calendar year shall be submitted and may be submitted along with the annual emissions inventory (ARM 17.8.752).
 7. Treasure shall document, by month, the crushing production from the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Treasure shall total the crushing production during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the Summertime limitation in Section II.B.7. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted annually to the Department and may be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
 8. Treasure shall document, by month, the screening production from the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Treasure shall total the screening production during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the Summertime limitation in Section II.B.8. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted annually to the Department and may be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
 9. Treasure shall document, by month, the hours of operation of the generator. By the 25th day of each month, Treasure shall total the hours of operation during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the Summertime limitation in Section II.A.12. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted annually to the Department and may be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).

Addendum 7 Analysis
Treasure State Construction, Inc.
Permit #2893-07

I. Permitted Equipment

Treasure State Construction, Inc. (Treasure) operates a portable crushing/screening facility with the following equipment:

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- 1974 Cedarapids portable feeder;
- two portable 1990 conveyors (36"x50");
- two screens (total up to 640 TPH);
- one diesel generator (up to 1522 Horsepower (HP)); and
- associated equipment.

II. Source Description

Treasure proposes to use this crushing/screening plant to crush, screen, and sort sand and gravel materials for use in various construction operations. For a typical operational setup, unprocessed materials are loaded into the crushing/screening plant via a hopper and transferred by conveyor to the crushers. From the crusher, materials are sent to the screen, where they are separated and conveyed to stockpiles.

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 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.
- B. 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. 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.

IV. Emission Inventory

Wintertime:

Source	Lbs/Day					
	PM	PM ₁₀	NO _x	VOC	CO	SO _x
Crushing (7,000 tons per day)	8.40	3.78				
Screening (6,000 tons per day)	13.20	4.44				
Truck Unloading	0.70	0.70				
Material Transfer	6.86	2.25				
Pile Forming	67.62	32.13				
Diesel Generator	30.54	30.54	434.44	35.46	93.59	28.57
Haul Roads	27.80	7.90				
TOTAL	155.12	81.74	434.44	35.46	93.59	28.57

Summertime:

Source	Lbs/Day					
	PM	PM ₁₀	NO _x	VOC	CO	SO _x
Crushing (820 TPH)	23.52	10.56				
Screening (640 TPH)	33.84	11.28				
Truck Unloading	1.92	1.92				
Material Transfer	19.20	6.24				
Pile Forming	190.08	90.24				
Diesel Generator	79.20	79.20	1127.28	91.92	242.88	74.16
Haul Roads	69.60	19.68				
TOTAL	417.36	219.12	1127.28	91.92	242.88	74.16

V. Existing Air Quality

On July 1, 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀). Due to exceedances of the national standards for PM₁₀, the cities of Kalispell (and the nearby Evergreen area), Columbia Falls, Butte, Whitefish, Libby, Missoula, and Thompson Falls were designated by EPA as nonattainment for PM₁₀. As a result of this designation, the EPA required the Department and the City-County Health Departments to submit PM₁₀ State Implementation Plans (SIP). The SIPs consisted of emission control plans that controlled fugitive dust emissions from roads, parking lots, construction, and demolition, since technical studies identified these sources to be the major contributors to PM₁₀ emissions.

Permit #2893-07 and Addendum 7 are for a portable crushing/screening plant that will locate at sites in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. The more stringent operating conditions contained in the addendum will minimize any potential impact on the nonattainment areas and will protect the national ambient air quality standards. Also, this facility is a portable source that would operate on an intermittent and temporary basis and any effects on air quality will be minor and short-lived.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

Permit #2893-07 and Addendum 7 will cover the operations of this portable crushing/screening plant while operating at any location within Montana, excluding those counties that have a Department approved permitting program and those areas that are tribal lands. The facility is currently located at Section 29, Township 27 North, Range 3 West in Pondera County.

Addendum 7 will cover the operations of this portable crushing/screening plant, while operating in or within 10 km of the Thompson Falls and Kalispell PM₁₀ nonattainment areas (2 specific sites) during the winter months (October 1 through March 31). Additionally, the facility will also be allowed to operate in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 through September 30).

VII. Taking or Damaging 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, was completed for this project. A copy is attached.

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FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA)

Issued For: Treasure State Construction, Inc.

Permit Number: #2893-07

Preliminary Determination Issued: 5/30/07

Department Decision Issued: 6/15/07

Permit Final: 7/03/07

1. *Legal Description of Site:* Treasure operates a portable crushing/screening facility currently permitted to operate at Section 29, Township 27 North, Range 3 West in Pondera County. Permit #2893-07 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 7 applies to the Treasure facility while operating at any location in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 through September 30) and at sites approved by the Department during the winter months (October 1 through March 31).
2. *Description of Project:* On May 8, 2007, the Department received a request from Treasure for a modification to Permit #2893-06 to increase the maximum rated design capacity of the diesel generator from 1,079 kW to 1,135 kW, and to make the permit more de minimis-friendly. The permit was also revised to reflect the current emission factors used by the Department.
3. *Objectives of Project:* The object of the project would be to produce business and revenue for the company through the sale and use of aggregate. The issuance of Permit #2893-07 would allow Treasure to operate the permitted equipment at various locations throughout Montana.
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 Treasure 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 #2893-07.

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

Terrestrials would use the same area as the aggregate crushing/screening operations. Impacts on terrestrial and aquatic life could result from storm water runoff and pollutant deposition, but such impacts would be minor, because the Treasure crushing/screening operation is an existing facility, would be considered a minor source of emissions, and would have intermittent and seasonal operations.

The additional emissions associated with the current permit action would have only minor effects on terrestrial and aquatic life because facility emissions would be well dispersed in the area of operations (see Section 8.F of this EA). Furthermore, since Treasure would generally locate at a pre-existing pit, additional impacts to the terrestrial and aquatic life and habitats would be minor. Therefore, only minor and temporary effects to terrestrial and aquatic life and habitat would be expected from the proposed crushing/screening operation.

B. Water Quality, Quantity, and Distribution

Water would be required for dust suppression on the surrounding roadways and areas of operation and for pollution control for equipment operations. The facility would only require a relatively small amount of water for pollution control and would only have minor amounts of pollutant deposition (see Section 8.F of this EA).

Overall, any impacts of the project area would be minor because the proposed crushing/screening operation would typically operate within areas designated for such operations. Therefore, the overall characteristics of the area would not change as a result of the proposed project and any associated impacts would be minor. Furthermore, the crushing/screening operation is an existing permitted facility that has applied for a modification to adjust the permitted equipment. The net emission increases for all regulated air pollutants is relatively minor and would not have any impacts other than minor impacts to water quality, quantity and distribution.

C. Geology and Soil Quality, Stability, and Moisture

The proposed project would have only minor impacts on geology and soil quality, stability, and moisture because the proposed site is an existing gravel pit, deposition of air pollutants on soils would be minor (see Section 8.F of this EA), only minor amounts of water would be required to be used for pollution control, and only minor amounts of pollution would be generated. In addition, the pollutants would be widely dispersed before settling upon vegetation and surrounding soils (see Section 8.D of this EA). Therefore, any effects upon geology and soil quality, stability, and moisture at this proposed operational site would be minor.

D. Vegetation Cover, Quantity, and Quality

Minor impacts would occur on vegetative cover, quality, and quantity because the proposed project 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). 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 proposed project would be visible and would create noise while operating at the existing gravel pit site. However, Permit #2893-07 would include conditions to control emissions, including visible emissions, from the plant. Also, permit limitations and conditions from Addendum 7 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

Additional 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 #2893-07 would include conditions limiting the facility's opacity and the facility's crushing/screening production. Permit #2893-07 would also require water and water spray bars be available on site and used to control emissions. Permit #2893-07 would also limit total emissions from the crushing/screening facility and any additional Treasure equipment operated at the site to 250 tons/year or less, excluding fugitive emissions. Additionally, Addendum 7 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.

Pollutant deposition from the proposed project 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 the proposed project operating in this area would be minor.

G. Unique Endangered, Fragile, or Limited Environmental Resources

The Department, in an effort to assess any potential impacts to any unique endangered, fragile, or limited environmental resources previously contacted the Montana Natural Heritage Program (MNHP). Search results concluded there were no known environmental resources of special concern within the area. Therefore, the Department determined that it would be unlikely that the proposed project would impact any species of concern.

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

Due to the relatively small size of the facility, the proposed project would only require small quantities of water, air, and energy for proper operation. Only small quantities of water would be required for dust suppression of emissions being generated at the site. Any additional impacts to air resources would be minor because the source is an existing minor industrial source of emissions, with intermittent and seasonal operations, and because air pollutants generated by the facility would be widely dispersed (see Section 8.F of this EA). Energy requirements would be small because the facility would be powered by one industrial diesel generator. Overall, any impacts of the proposed project to water, air, and energy resources 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 proposed project because the operational site has already been disturbed and because no previously recorded historical/archaeological resources have been identified at the proposed operational site location.

J. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

The crushing/screening operation would cause minor cumulative and secondary impacts to the physical and biological aspects of the human environment because the facility would be limited in the amount of PM, PM₁₀, NO_x, VOC, CO, and SO_x emissions to be generated. Additional emissions and noise generated from the proposed project would, at most, result in only minor impacts to the area of operations because of the proposed equipment location for the crushing/screening plant and because it would be seasonal and temporary in nature. The proposed project would be short-term in nature, and have minor cumulative effects upon resource within the area. These resources include water, terrestrial and aquatic life, soils, and vegetation.

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 emissions was limited below the major source threshold level of 100 tons per year for any regulated pollutant. Overall, cumulative and secondary impacts to the physical and biological aspects of the human environment would be minor.

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 proposed project 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 proposed project would be required to operate according to the conditions that would be placed in Permit #2893-07 and Addendum 7, 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 proposed project because it would operate at sites that have been used for crushing/screening of aggregate and is separated from the general population. Additionally, the proposed project would be a portable/temporary source with seasonal and intermittent operations. Therefore, the cultural uniqueness and diversity of the area would not be affected.

C. Local and State Tax Base and Tax Revenue

The proposed project would have little, if any, impact on the local and state tax base and tax revenue because the proposed project would be an existing minor industrial source of emissions and would have seasonal and intermittent operations. The proposed project would require the use of only a few existing employees. Thus, only minor impacts to the local and state tax base and revenue could be expected from the employees and facility production. Furthermore, the impacts to local tax base and revenue would be minor because the source would be portable and the money generated for taxes would be widespread.

D. Agricultural or Industrial Production

The additional emissions associated with the proposed project would have only a minor impact on local industrial production since the proposed project would be a minor source of aggregate production and air emissions. Also, the proposed project would locate in an area that has been used for the crushing/screening of aggregate and is separated from the general population. Therefore, because minimal deposition of air pollutants would occur on the surrounding land (see Section 8.F of this EA), only minor and temporary effects on the surrounding vegetation would occur. In addition, the proposed project would be temporary in nature and would be permitted with operational conditions and limitations that would minimize impacts upon surrounding vegetation (see Section 8.D of this EA).

E. Human Health

Permit #2893-07 would incorporate conditions to ensure that the proposed project would be operated in compliance with all applicable air quality rules and standards. These rules and standards are designed to be protective of human health. As described in Section 8.F. of this EA, the air emissions from the proposed project would be minimized by the use of water spray and other process limits that would be required by Permit #2893-07. Also, the proposed project would be operating on a temporary basis and pollutants would be dispersed (see Section 8.F of this EA). Therefore, only minor impacts would be expected on human health from the proposed project.

F. Access to and Quality of Recreational and Wilderness Activities

Additional noise from the proposed project would be minor because the proposed project would be small, would operate on a seasonal and intermittent basis, and would be operating at an existing industrial open-cut pit site. As a result, the amount of noise generated from the proposed project would be minimal. Also, this existing facility would be a relatively minor industrial source of emissions. Therefore, any changes in the quality of recreational and wilderness activities created by the proposed project at this site would be expected to be minor and intermittent.

G. Quantity and Distribution of Employment

The proposed project 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 the proposed project. Therefore, no effects upon the quantity and distribution of employment in this area would be expected.

H. Distribution of Population

The proposed project is a portable industrial facility that would only require a few existing employees to operate. No individuals would be expected to permanently relocate to this area of operation as a result of the proposed project. Therefore, the proposed project would not impact the normal population distribution in the area of operation.

I. Demands of Government Services

Minor increases would be seen in traffic on existing roadways in the area as a result of the proposed project. In addition, government services would be required for acquiring the appropriate permits for the proposed project and to verify compliance with the permits that would be issued. Demands for government services would be minor.

J. Industrial and Commercial Activity

The proposed project would represent only a minor increase in the industrial activity in the proposed area of operation because the proposed project would be a relatively small industrial source that would be portable and temporary in nature. No additional industrial or commercial activity would be expected as a result of the proposed operation.

K. Locally Adopted Environmental Plans and Goals

Permit #2893-07 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 the proposed project would have intermittent and seasonal operations, any impacts from the proposed project would be minor and short-lived.

L. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

The proposed project would cause minor cumulative and secondary impacts to the social and economic aspects of the human environment in the immediate area of operation because the source would be a portable and temporary source. Further, no other industrial operations are expected to result from the current permit action. Minor increases in traffic would have minor effects on local traffic in the immediate area. Because the source is relatively small and temporary, only minor economic impacts to the local economy would be expected from operating the facility. Further, this facility may be operated in conjunction with other equipment owned and operated by Treasure, but any cumulative impacts upon the social and economic aspects of the human environment would be minor and short-lived. Thus, only minor and temporary cumulative effects would result to the local economy.

Recommendation: An Environmental Impact Statement (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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