

AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued To: Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc.
P.O. Box 405
Sandpoint, ID 83864

Permit #3203-01
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An air quality permit, with conditions, is hereby granted to Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc. (Peak), 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

Peak operates a portable crushing/screening facility at various locations throughout Montana. However, Permit #3203-01 applies while operating at any location in Montana, except within those areas having a Department of Environmental Quality (Department) approved permitting program and those areas considered tribal lands. Addendum 2 applies to this Peak facility while operating at any location in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas, including the initial site location, Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 27 West, in Mineral County, Montana. *A Missoula County air quality permit will be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.* A complete list of the permitted equipment is contained in Section I.A of the permit analysis.

B. Current Permit Action

On May 14, 2004, Peak submitted a complete permit application and a request to generalize the permit, for additional operational flexibility. The application proposed replacing two crushers and two screens and with larger units, which would increase each of their maximum rated design capacities from 500 ton per hour (TPH) to 725 TPH. Additionally, the addendum was also updated to reflect the current equipment and operating scenario for the facility. Further, the permit was updated to reflect the current permit language and rule references used by the Department.

Section II: Limitations and Conditions

A. Operational Limitations and Conditions

1. Peak 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 Part 60, Subpart OOO).
2. Peak 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. Peak 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 17.8.308 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. Peak shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any street, road, or parking lot any visible fugitive emissions that exhibit opacity of 20% or greater (ARM 17.8.308 and ARM 17.8.752).
6. Peak 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. Total combined crusher production from the facility shall be limited to 6,657,600 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
8. Peak shall not operate more than four crushers at any given time and the maximum rated design capacity of the crushers shall not exceed 2,450 tons per hour (TPH) (ARM 17.8.749).
9. Total combined screen production from the facility shall be limited to 3,328,800 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
10. Peak shall not operate more than two screens at any given time and the maximum rated design capacity of the screens shall not exceed 1,450 TPH (ARM 17.8.749).
11. Peak shall not operate more than one diesel engine/generator at any given time and the maximum rated design capacity of the generator shall not exceed 1000 Kilowatts (kW) (ARM 17.8.749).
12. Peak shall not operate the diesel generator for more than 4,785 hours during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749 and ARM 17.8.1204).
13. If the permitted equipment is used in conjunction with any other equipment owned or operated by Peak, 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).
14. Peak shall comply with all applicable standards and limitations, and the reporting, recordkeeping, testing, and notification requirements contained in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO for the crushing/screening operation and associated equipment (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. Peak 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 Peak 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. Peak 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. Peak 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. Peak shall document, by month, the total combined crushing production for the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Peak shall total the crushing production during the previous 12 months to verify compliance with the limitation in Section II.A.7. A written report of the compliance verification shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Peak shall document, by month, the total combined screening production for the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Peak shall total the screening 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 along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
7. Peak shall document, by month, the total hours of operation of the diesel generator. By the 25th day of each month, Peak shall total the hours of operation of the diesel generator 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 along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
8. Peak 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 emissions inventory information (ARM 17.8.1204).

Section III: General Conditions

- A. Inspection - Peak 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 Peak fails to appeal as indicated below.
- C. Compliance with Statutes and Regulations - Nothing in this permit shall be construed as relieving Peak 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 postpones the effective date of the Department decision until the conclusion of the hearing and

issuance of a final decision by the Board. The Department's decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section.

- 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 the annual operation fee by Peak 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 3 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. Peak 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
Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc.
Permit Number 3203-01

I. Introduction/Process Description

A. Permitted Equipment

Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc. (Peak) owns and operates a portable crushing/screening facility consisting of two crushers (up to 725 TPH each), two crushers (up to 500 TPH each), two screens (up to 725 TPH each), a diesel generator (up to 1000 kW), and associated equipment. The proposed original location for the facility is Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 27 West, in Mineral County, Montana. Permit #3203-01 will apply to the source while operating at any location in Montana, except within those areas having a Department of Environmental Quality (Department) approved permitting program and those areas considered tribal lands. Addendum 2 applies to this Peak facility while operating at any location in or within 10 km of certain particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment areas, including the initial site location, Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 27 West, in Mineral County, Montana. *A Missoula County air quality permit will be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.*

B. Process Description

Peak 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 crushers and sent to the screens. Material are screened, separated, and sent to stockpile for sale and use in construction operations.

C. Permit History

On August 13, 2002, Peak Sand & Gravel, was issued **Permit #3203-00** to operate a portable Nordberg Jaw Crusher (maximum capacity 500 TPH), an El Jay Cone Crusher (maximum capacity 500 TPH), a Nordberg Cone Crusher (maximum capacity 500 TPH), an ISC Impact Crusher (maximum capacity 500 TPH), a 1000 kW Caterpillar Diesel Generator, and associated equipment. The Peak crushing/screening plant initially operated in the SW ¼ of Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 27 West in Mineral County, Montana. Also, **Addendum 1** to Permit #3203-00 was established.

D. Current Permit Action

On May 14, 2004, Peak submitted a complete permit application and a request to generalize the permit, for additional operational flexibility. The application proposed using two crushers and two screens with a maximum rated design capacity of 725 TPH, instead of the previously requested 500 TPH. Additionally, the addendum was also updated to reflect the current equipment and operating scenario for the facility. Further, the permit was updated to reflect the current permit language and rule references used by the Department. **Permit #3203-01** will replace Permit #3203-00 and **Addendum 2** will replace Addendum 1. A complete list of the permitted equipment is contained in Section I.A of the permit analysis.

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 permit 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).

Peak 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 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 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 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

Peak must comply 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 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, Peak 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 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 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 17.8.324 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.

In order for a crushing/screening plant to be subject to NSPS requirements, two specific criteria must be met. First, the crushing/screening plant must meet the definition of an affected facility and, second, the equipment in question must have been constructed, reconstructed, or modified after August 31, 1983. Based

on the information submitted by Peak, the crushing/screening equipment is NSPS affected because of the size and date of manufacture (40 CFR Part 60, Subpart A General Provisions, and Subpart OOO, Non-Metallic Mineral Processing Plants).

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 Peak 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. Peak 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 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, 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. Peak 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. Peak 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. Peak submitted an affidavit of publication of public notice for the June 1, 2004, issue of the *Missoulian*, a newspaper of general circulation in the Town of Missoula in Missoula 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 Peak 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 Peak, 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 because it is not a listed source and does not have a PTE greater 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.
 - 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 #3203-01 for the Peak 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 tons/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 determined that this facility would be a minor source of emissions, as defined under the Title V Operating Permit Program. However, if minor sources subject to NSPS are required to obtain a Title V Operating Permit, Peak will be required to obtain a Title V 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 PTE.
 - 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 PTE does not require the source to obtain an air quality operating permit.
 - ii. Any source that obtains a federally enforceable limit on PTE 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. Emission Inventory

| Source | Tons/Year | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------|-----------------|
| | PM | PM ₁₀ | NO _x | VOC | CO | SO _x |
| crusher (up to 725 TPH) | 2.08 | 1.00 | | | | |
| crusher (up to 725 TPH) | 2.08 | 1.00 | | | | |
| crusher (up to 500 TPH) | 2.08 | 1.00 | | | | |
| crusher (up to 500 TPH) | 2.08 | 1.00 | | | | |
| screen (up to 725 TPH) | 13.11 | 6.24 | | | | |
| screen (up to 725 TPH) | 13.11 | 6.24 | | | | |
| Material Transfer | 26.55 | 12.82 | | | | |
| Pile Forming | 20.97 | 9.99 | | | | |
| Bulk Loading | 3.50 | 1.66 | | | | |
| Diesel Generator (up to 1000 KW) | 7.06 | 7.06 | 99.46 | 7.92 | 21.43 | 6.58 |
| Haul Roads | 2.74 | 1.23 | | | | |
| Total | 95.36 | 49.24 | 99.46 | 7.92 | 21.43 | 6.58 |

- A complete emission inventory for Permit #3203-01 is on file with the Department.

Production limitations were placed upon the annual hours of operation for the diesel generator 4,785 hours per rolling 24 hour time period and a production rate of 190 tons per hour through each crusher and each screen that is based upon 8,760 hours of operation per year.

IV. BACT Analysis

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

Peak 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, Peak 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. Further, Peak 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. Peak 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. Peak 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. Peak may also use chemical dust suppression, in order to maintain compliance with emissions limitations in Section I.A of Permit #3203-01. 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 generator/engine and the lack of readily available/cost effective add-on controls, additional 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 generator/engine.

The control options available and used for the proposed crushing/screening facility, including for the diesel generator/engine that would be used to power the facility, contains similar emission controls and control costs as compared to other recently permitted similar sources. Therefore, the permitted equipment would be capable of achieving the appropriate emission standards.

V. Existing Air Quality

Addendum 2 of Permit #3203-01 would cover this portable crushing/screening plant while operating in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 through September 30). Permit #3203-01 would also cover this facility while operating in areas classified as attainment or unclassified for ambient air quality standards.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

Based on the information provided and the conditions established in Permit #3203-01, the amount of controlled emissions generated by this facility will not exceed any set ambient air quality standards. Further, the limitations and conditions established in Addendum 2 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. The conditions in Permit #3203-01 will be protective of air quality while Peak is operating at locations not located in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

Addendum 2
Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc.
Permit #3203-01

An addendum to air quality Permit #3203-01 is issued to Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc. (Peak), 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

Peak applied for Addendum 2 to Permit #3203-01 for the operation of a portable crushing/screening operation in or within 10 kilometers (km) of the following particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment areas: Butte, Columbia Falls, Libby, Kalispell, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish.

II. Seasonal and Site Restrictions

Addendum 2 applies to the Peak 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) – Peak may not operate in or within 10 km of the Butte, Columbia Falls, Libby, Kalispell, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.
- B. During the summer season (April 1-September 30) – Peak 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. Peak shall comply with the limitations and conditions contained in Addendum 2 to Permit #3203-01 while operating in or within 10 km of any of the previously listed PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. Addendum 2 shall be valid until revoked or modified. The Department of Environmental Quality (Department) reserves the authority to modify Addendum 2 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

- 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. Peak 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. Peak 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 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.749).

4. Peak 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. The total combined crusher production for the four crushers shall not exceed 18,240 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).
6. The total combined screen production for the two screens shall not exceed 9,120 tons during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).
7. The hours of operation of the diesel generator shall not exceed 13 hours during any rolling 24-hour time period (ARM 17.8.749).

B. Operational Reporting Requirements

1. Peak shall provide the Department with written notification of job completion within 10 working days of job completion (ARM 17.8.749).
2. Peak 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 the general plant area:
 - i. Hours of operation of water trucks

- ii. Application schedule for chemical dust suppressant, if applicable
- 4. Peak shall document, by day, the total combined crushing production. Peak shall sum the total crushing production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the 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. Peak shall document, by day, the total combined screening production. Peak shall sum the total screening production during the previous 24 hours to verify compliance with the 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. Peak shall document, by day, the total hours of operation of the diesel generator. Peak shall sum the total hours of operation of the diesel generator, during the previous 24 hours, to verify compliance with the 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).

Addendum 2 Analysis
Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc.
Permit #3203-01

I. Permitted Equipment

Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc. (Peak) owns and operates a portable crushing/screening facility consisting of two crushers (up to 725 TPH each), two crushers (up to 500 TPH each), two screens (up to 725 TPH each), a diesel generator (up to 1000 kW), and associated equipment.

II. Source Description

Peak 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 crushers 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 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 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.

Peak must submit proof of compliance with the transfer and public notice requirements when Peak 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, compliance with the conditions and limitations in Addendum 2 to Permit #3203-01 will minimize the impacts on certain particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀) nonattainment areas.

IV. Emission Inventory

| Source | Lbs/Day | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| | PM | PM ₁₀ | NO _x | VOC | CO | SO _x |
| Crusher (up to 725 TPH) | 11.40 | 5.47 | | | | |
| Crusher (up to 725 TPH) | 11.40 | 5.47 | | | | |
| Crusher (up to 500 TPH) | 11.40 | 5.47 | | | | |
| Crusher (up to 500 TPH) | 11.40 | 5.47 | | | | |
| Screen (up to 725 TPH) | 71.82 | 34.20 | | | | |
| Screen (up to 725 TPH) | 71.82 | 34.20 | | | | |
| Pile Forming | 114.91 | 54.72 | | | | |
| Bulk Loading | 19.15 | 9.12 | | | | |
| Diesel Generator (up to 1000 KW) | 38.68 | 38.68 | 544.98 | 43.42 | 117.43 | 36.04 |
| Haul Roads | 15.00 | 6.75 | | | | |
| TOTAL = | 376.98 | 199.55 | 544.98 | 43.42 | 117.43 | 36.04 |

- A complete emissions inventory for Permit #3203-01 is on file with the Department. Production limitations were placed upon the annual hours of operation for the diesel generator 13 hours per rolling 24 hour time period and a production rate for each crusher and each screen of 190 tons per hour.

V. Existing Air Quality

On July 1, 1987, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated new National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for 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, 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 determined these sources to be the major contributors to PM₁₀ emissions.

Addendum 2 to Permit #3203-01 is for a portable crushing/screening plant to be located at sites in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer season (April 1 through September 30). Summer season operations may include locations in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas, including, but not limited to Butte, Columbia Falls, Libby, Kalispell, Thompson Falls, and Whitefish.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

Peak applied for an air quality permit to operate a portable crushing/screening plant to be located at various locations throughout Montana. Permit #3203-01 and Addendum 2 will cover the Peak 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: Peak Sand and Gravel, Inc.

Permit Number: #3203-01

Preliminary Determination Issued: June 23, 2004

Department Decision Issued: July 26, 2004

Permit Final: August 11, 2004

1. *Legal Description of Site:* Peak submitted an application to operate a portable crushing/screening plant at Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 27 West, in Mineral County, Montana. Permit #3203-01 would apply while operating at any location in Montana, except within those areas having a Department approved permitting program or those areas considered to be tribal lands. Addendum 2 is included in this air quality permit to allow Peak to operate 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.*
2. *Description of Project:* The permit applicant proposes the construction and operation of a portable crushing/screening facility consisting of two crushers (up to 725 TPH each), two crushers (up to 500 TPH each), two screens (up to 725 TPH each), a diesel generator (up to 1000 kW), and associated equipment.
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 #3203-01 and Addendum 2 would allow Peak to operate the permitted equipment at various locations throughout Montana, including the proposed initial site location and in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas during the summer months (April 1 through September 30).
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 Peak 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 #3203-01.
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 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 crushing/screening operations would be considered a minor source of emissions and would have intermittent and seasonal operations. Furthermore, the air emissions 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). Also, the Clark Fork River is approximately 1/5 mile away from the proposed operational site and, at such a distance, only minor and temporary effects to terrestrial and aquatic life and habitat would be expected from the proposed crushing/screening operation because only minor amounts of pollutants would reach the water body. 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. However, pollutant deposition and water use would cause only minor, if any, impacts to water resources in these areas because the facility has readily available water resources from which to draw and, yet, would be far enough

away from those resources that any pollutant deposition would be dispersed before reaching the surface water resources. 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). Further the site is in an existing permitted open-cut pit where water runoff would be more readily controlled. Therefore, at most, only minor surface and groundwater quality impacts would be expected.

C. Geology and Soil Quality, Stability, and Moisture

The crushing/screening operations would have only minor impacts on geology and soil quality, stability, and moisture because 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 facility 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

The crushing/screening operation would be visible and would create additional noise while operating at the initially proposed site. However, Permit #3203-01 would include conditions to control emissions, including visible emissions, from the plant. Also, permit limitations and conditions from Addendum 2 would apply when the facility is operating in nonattainment areas. Since the crushing/screening operation would be portable 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 the facility would operate on an intermittent and temporary basis, and would locate at a previously disturbed site. Permit #3203-01 would include conditions limiting the facility's opacity, the facility's crushing/screening production, and the hours of operation on the diesel generator. Permit #3203-01 would also require water and water spray bars be available on site and used to control emissions. Permit #3203-01 would also limit total emissions from the crushing/screening facility and any additional Peak equipment operated at the site to 250 tons/year or less, excluding fugitive emissions. Additionally, Addendum 2 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 the 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

The Department contacted the Montana Natural Heritage Program (MNHP) to identify any species of concern associated with the initial proposed site location (Section 13, Township 17 North, Range 27 West, in Mineral County, Montana). Search results concluded there are 2 known environmental resources of special concern within the area. The search area, in this case, is defined by the township and range of the proposed site, with an additional one-mile buffer. The species of special concern are the Bull Trout and Lynx.

Bull Trout would not be affected by the proposed project because the Clark Fork River is approximately 1/5 mile away from the proposed operational site. At such distances, emissions from the proposed project would be greatly dispersed before reaching the water body, which is a relative large free flowing water body. Also, the majority of emissions would be expected to disperse before reaching the pit boundaries.

The home range of the Lynx has been generalized from many miles of potential habitat. The Lynx is a mammal that would not likely inhabit this proposed site since the area is an actively mined site immediately north of Interstate 90. Therefore, it is not likely that any Lynx would be affected by the proposed project site because the surrounding area has a high amount of human activity (i.e. highway traffic).

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

Due to the relatively small size of the facility, the crushing/screening operation 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. In addition, impacts to air resources would be minor because the source is a 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 also be small, as the facility would be powered by one industrial diesel generator that would use minor amounts of fuel. Overall, any impacts 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 operating the proposed crushing/screening plant.

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. Emissions and noise generated from the equipment 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 operational site is estimated to be ¼ mile away from any home or structure and is removed from any populated area. Additionally, this facility, in combination with other emissions from equipment operations would

not be permitted to exceed 250 tons per year of non-fugitive emissions. 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 crushing/screening operation would cause no disruption to the social structures and mores in the area because the source would be a minor industrial source of emissions, would be separated from the general population, 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 #3203-01 and Addendum 2, 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 crushing/screening operation because the proposed site is separated from the general population, and the facility would be a portable source, with seasonal and intermittent operations. The predominant use of the surrounding area is for animal grazing and would not change as a result of this crushing/screening operation. Therefore, the cultural uniqueness and diversity of the area would not be affected.

C. Local and State Tax Base and Tax Revenue

The crushing/screening operations would have little, if any, impact on the local and state tax base and tax revenue because the facility would be a minor industrial source of emissions and would have seasonal and intermittent operations. The facility would require the use of only 6-12 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 crushing/screening operations would have only a minor impact on local industrial production since the facility would be a minor source of aggregate production and air emissions. Also, the facility would locate in an area adjacent to land that could be used for animal grazing and agricultural production. 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 (i.e. agricultural production) would occur. In addition, the facility operations 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 #3203-01 would incorporate conditions to ensure that the crushing/screening facility 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 this facility would be minimized by the use of water spray and other process limits that would be required by Permit #3203-01. Also, the facility 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 crushing/screening facility.

F. Access to and Quality of Recreational and Wilderness Activities

Noise from the facility would be minor because the facility would be small and would operate in an area removed from the general population. As a result, the amount of noise generated from the crushing/screening operation would be minimal. Also, the facility would operate on a seasonal and intermittent basis on private land and would be a relatively minor industrial source of emissions. Therefore, any changes in the quality of recreational and wilderness activities created by operating the equipment at this site would be expected to be minor and intermittent.

G. Quantity and Distribution of Employment

The portable crushing/screening operation would only require 6-12 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 operating the crushing/screening facility. 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 only require a 6-12 existing employees to operate. No individuals would be expected to permanently relocate to this area of operation as a result of operating the crushing/screening facility. Therefore, the crushing/screening facility would not impact the normal population distribution in the initial area of operation or any future operating site.

I. Demands of Government Services

Minor increases would be seen in traffic on existing roadways in the area while the crushing/screening operation is in progress. 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 crushing/screening operation would represent only a minor increase in the industrial activity in the proposed area of operation because the source 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

Peak would be allowed, by Permit 3203-01 to operate in areas designated by EPA as attainment or unclassified for ambient air quality. Addendum 2 to Permit #3203-01 would allow for summertime operations (April 1- September 30) in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. Permit #3203-01 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 facility would be a portable source and would have intermittent and seasonal operations, any impacts from the facility would be minor and short-lived.

L. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

The crushing/screening operations 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 permitting of this facility. 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 Peak, 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 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: 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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