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Dear Mr. Peak:

Montana Air Quality Permit #4602-00 is deemed final as of December 2, 2010, by the Department of Environmental Quality (Department). This permit is for a portable crushing/screening operation. All conditions of the Department's Decision remain the same. Enclosed is a copy of your permit with the final date indicated.

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Montana Air Quality Permit #4602-00

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MONTANA AIR QUALITY PERMIT

Issued To: Peak Sand & Gravel
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MAQP: #4602-00
Application Complete: 9/17/2010
Preliminary Determination Issued: 10/27/10
Department's Decision Issued: 11/16/2010
Permit Final: 12/02/10
AFS #: 777-4602

A Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP), with conditions, is hereby granted to Peak Sand & Gravel (Peak) pursuant to Sections 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. Permitted Equipment

Peak proposes to operate a portable crushing and screening operation. A complete list of the permitted equipment is contained in Section I.A of the permit analysis.

B. Plant Location

Peak owns and operates a portable non-metallic mineral crushing and screening facility, which will initially be located in the Northeast (NE) $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 30 West, in Mineral County, Montana. However, MAQP #4602-00 applies while operating at any location in Montana, except those areas having a Department of Environmental Quality (Department)-approved permitting program, areas considered tribal lands, or areas 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.* An addendum will be required for locations in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.

SECTION II: Conditions and Limitations

A. Emission Limitations

1. All visible emissions from any Standards of Performance for New Stationary Source (NSPS) – affected crusher shall not exhibit an opacity in excess of the following averaged over 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO):
 - For Crushers that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction on or after April 22, 2008: 12% opacity
 - For Crushers that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 31, 1983 but before April 22, 2008: 15% opacity
2. All visible emissions from any other NSPS-affected equipment (such as screens and conveyors) shall not exhibit an opacity in excess of the following averaged over 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO):
 - For equipment that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction on or after April 22, 2008: 7% opacity

- For equipment that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 31, 1983 but before April 22, 2008: 10% opacity
3. All visible emissions from any non-NSPS affected equipment shall not exhibit an opacity of 20% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes (ARM 17.8.304).
 4. Water and 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 17.8.749 and ARM 17.8.752).
 5. 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 (ARM 17.8.308).
 6. Peak 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.5 (ARM 17.8.749).
 7. Peak shall not operate more than 4 crushers at any given time and the total combined maximum rated design capacity of the crushers shall not exceed 2,900 TPH (ARM 17.8.749).
 8. Crushing production is limited to 25,404,000 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
 9. Peak shall not operate more than 3 screens at any given time and the total combined maximum rated design capacity of the screens shall not exceed 2,175 TPH (ARM 17.8.749).
 10. Screening production is limited to 19,053,000 tons during any rolling 12-month time period (ARM 17.8.749).
 11. Peak shall not operate or have on-site more than two diesel engines/generators (ARM 17.8.749):
 - a. The maximum rated 475-horsepower (hp) diesel engine shall meet a minimum of EPA Tier I standards or better for oxides of nitrogen (NO_x) emissions.
 - b. The maximum rated 90-hp diesel engine shall meet a minimum of EPA Tier II standards or better for NO_x emissions.
 12. The diesel generator engine(s) exhaust stack heights shall have a minimum height above ground level of the following (ARM 17.8.749):
 - a. No less than 15 feet above ground level for the maximum rated 475-hp diesel engine.
 - b. No less than 10 feet above ground level for the maximum rated 90-hp diesel engine.
 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 during any rolling 12-month 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, monitoring, reporting, recordkeeping, testing, and notification requirements contained in 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO, *Standards of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants* (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO).
15. Peak shall comply with all applicable standards and limitations, and the reporting, recordkeeping, and notification requirements contained in 40 CFR 60, Subpart IIII, *Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines* and 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ, *National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines*, for any applicable diesel engine (ARM 17.8.340; 40 CFR 60, Subpart IIII; ARM 17.8.342 and 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ).

B. Testing Requirements

1. Within 60 days after achieving maximum production, but no later than 180 days after initial start-up, an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Method 9 opacity test and/or other methods and procedures as specified in 40 CFR 60.675 must be performed on all NSPS-affected equipment to demonstrate compliance with the emission limitations contained in Section II.A.1 and II.A.2 (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, Subpart A and Subpart OOO). Additional testing may be required by 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO (ARM 17.8.340 and 40 CFR 60, 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 crushing/screening plant is moved to another location, an Intent to Transfer form must be sent to the Department and 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 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 17.8.749 and ARM 17.8.765).
2. 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 not be limited to, all sources of emissions identified in the emission inventory contained in 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 the units required by the Department. This information may be used for calculating operating fees, and/or to verify compliance with permit limitations (ARM 17.8.505).

3. Peak shall notify the Department of any construction or improvement project conducted, pursuant to ARM 17.8.745, that would include ***the addition of a new emissions unit***, 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. The notice must be submitted to the Department, in writing, 10 days prior to startup 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).

4. Peak 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 Peak as a permanent business record for at least 5 years following the date of the measurement, must be available at the plant site for inspection by the Department, and must be submitted to the Department upon request (ARM 17.8.749).
5. Peak shall document, by month, the crushing production from the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Peak shall calculate the crushing production from the facility for the previous month. The monthly information will be used to demonstrate compliance with the rolling 12-month limitation in Section II.A.8. The information for each of the previous months shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
6. Peak shall document, by month, the screening production from the facility. By the 25th day of each month, Peak shall calculate the screening production from the facility for the previous month. The monthly information will be used to demonstrate compliance with the rolling 12-month limitation in Section II.A.10. The information for each of the previous months shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).
7. Peak shall document, by month, the hours of operation of the diesel engines/generators. By the 25th day of each month, Peak shall calculate the hours of operation for the diesel engines/generators for the previous month. The information for each of the previous months shall be submitted along with the annual emission inventory (ARM 17.8.749).

D. Notification

Peak shall provide the Department with written notification of the actual start-up date postmarked within 15 days after the actual start-up date (ARM 17.8.749).

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 (Continuous Emissions Monitoring System (CEMS), Continuous Emissions Rate Monitoring System (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 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. Air Quality Operation Fees – Pursuant to Section 75-2-220, MCA, 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. Duration of Permit – Construction or installation must begin or contractual obligations entered into that would constitute substantial loss within 3 years of permit issuance and proceed with due diligence until the project is complete or the permit shall expire (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. Peak 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 or areas considered tribal lands.

Montana Air Quality Permit (MAQP) Analysis
Peak Sand & Gravel
MAQP #4602-00

I. Introduction/Process Description

Peak Sand & Gravel (Peak) owns and operates a portable crushing and screening plant.

A. Permitted Equipment

The facility is permitted to operate four crushers with a combined maximum material throughput capacity not to exceed 2,900 tons per hour (TPH), three screens with a combined maximum material throughput capacity not to exceed 2,175 TPH, two diesel engines/generators with a combined maximum rated capacity not to exceed 565 horsepower (hp), miscellaneous conveyors, and associated equipment.

B. Source Description

Peak proposes to operate this equipment to crush and sort sand and gravel like materials. Peak would use this crushing/screening plant to crush, screen, and sort sand and gravel like 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 a series of crushers and screens where it is sorted and separated. The final product is then transported to a stockpile.

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 of Environmental Quality (Department). Upon request, the Department will provide references for location 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).

Peak 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 as to create a public nuisance.

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

1. ARM 17.8.210 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Sulfur Dioxide
2. ARM 17.8.211 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Nitrogen Dioxide
3. ARM 17.8.212 Ambient Air Quality Standards for Carbon Monoxide
4. ARM 17.8.220 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Settled Particulate Matter
5. ARM 17.8.221 Ambient Air Quality Standard for Visibility
6. ARM 17.8.223 Ambient Air Quality Standard for PM₁₀

Peak 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 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 section.
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 section.
5. ARM 17.8.322 Sulfur Oxide Emissions--Sulfur in Fuel. This rule requires that no person shall burn liquid, solid, or gaseous fuel in excess of the amount set forth in this section.
6. ARM 17.8.340 Standard of Performance for New Stationary Sources. This rule incorporates, by reference, 40 CFR Part 60, Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources (NSPS). Peak is considered an NSPS affected facility under 40 CFR Part 60 and is subject to the requirements of the following subparts.

- a. 40 CFR 60, Subpart A – General Provisions apply to all equipment or facilities subject to an NSPS Subpart as listed below:
 - b. 40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO – Standards of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants. In order for a crushing plant to be subject to this subpart, the facility must meet the definition of an affected facility and, the affected equipment must have been constructed, reconstructed, or modified after August 31, 1983. Based on the information submitted by Peak, the portable crushing equipment to be used under MAQP #4602-00 is subject to this subpart because it meets the definition of an affected facility and has been constructed or modified after August 31, 1983.
 - c. 40 CFR 60, Subpart IIII - Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines (CI ICE). Owners and operators of stationary CI ICE that commence construction after July 11, 2005, where the stationary CI ICE are manufactured after April 1, 2006, and are not fire pump engines, and owners and operators of stationary CI ICE that modify or reconstruct their stationary CI ICE after July 11, 2005, are subject to this subpart. Based on the information submitted by Peak, the diesel engines to be used under MAQP #4602-00 are not subject to this subpart because both engines were manufactured before April 1, 2006. As this permit is written in a de minimis friendly manner, future engines may be subject to this subpart.
7. ARM 17.8.342 Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories. This rule incorporates, by reference, 40 CFR Part 63, National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPs) for Source Categories. Peak is considered an NESHAP-affected facility under 40 CFR Part 63 and is subject to the requirements of the following subparts.
- a. 40 CFR 63, Subpart A – General Provisions apply to all equipment or facilities subject to a NESHAPs Subpart as listed below.
 - b. 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ - National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs) for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines (RICE). An owner or operator of a stationary RICE at a major or area source of HAP emissions is subject to this rule except if the stationary RICE is being tested at a stationary RICE test cell/stand. An area source of HAP emissions is a source that is not a major source. Any diesel RICE engine operated by Peak will be subject to this Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) standard if the engine(s) remains or will remain at the permitted location for more than 12 months, or a shorter period of time for an engine located at a seasonal source. A seasonal source remains at a single location on a permanent basis (at least 2 years) and operates 3 months or more each year. Since the permit is written in a de minimis friendly manner, area source provisions of the MACT requirements may apply to the facility engines.
- 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 an applicant 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 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; the air quality operation fee is based on the actual or estimated actual amount of air pollutants emitted during the previous calendar year.

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

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

1. ARM 17.8.740 Definitions. This rule is a list of applicable definitions used in this chapter, unless indicated otherwise in a specific subchapter.
2. ARM 17.8.743 Montana Air Quality Permits--When Required. This rule requires a person to obtain an air quality permit or permit modification 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. Peak has a potential to emit greater than 15 tons per year of particulate matter (PM), PM with an aerodynamic diameter of 10 microns or less (PM₁₀), oxides of nitrogen (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), and sulfur dioxide (SO₂); 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 September 2, 2010, issue of the *Missoulian*, a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Missoula, County of Missoula, State of Montana, 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 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 modified 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 the permittee, 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 MAQP 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 because it is not a listed source and the facility's PTE is less than 250 tons per year of any pollutant (excluding fugitive emissions).

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

1. ARM 17.8.1201 Definitions. (23) Major Source under Section 7412 of the FCAA is defined as any stationary source having:
 - a. PTE > 100 tons/year of any pollutant;
 - b. PTE > 10 tons/year of any one 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 MAQP #4602-00 for Peak, 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 subject to a current NSPS (40 CFR 60, Subpart OOO).
 - e. This facility is not subject to any current NESHAP standards.
 - f. This source is not a Title IV affected source.
 - g. This source is not a solid waste combustion unit.
 - h. This source is not an EPA designated Title V source.

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

III. BACT Determination

A BACT determination is required for each new or modified source. Peak shall install on the new or modified source the maximum air pollution control capability which is technically practicable and economically feasible, except that BACT shall be utilized.

Crushing/Screening PM/PM₁₀ Emissions

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 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 where it would assist in reducing emissions of PM.

Peak shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any crusher, screen, or associated equipment, not subject to NSPS, any visible emissions that exhibit opacity of 20% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes. Further, Peak shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any NSPS-affected crusher any visible emissions that exhibit opacity of 12% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes for crushers that commenced construction, modification, or reconstruction on or after April 22, 2008 and 15% for crushers that commence construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 31, 1983, but before April 22, 2008. Peak shall not cause or authorize to be discharged into the atmosphere from any other associated NSPS-affected equipment, such as screens and material conveyors, any visible emissions that exhibit opacity of 7% or greater averaged over 6 consecutive minutes for equipment that commences construction, modification, or reconstruction after April 22, 2008, and 10% for equipment that commences construction, modification, or reconstruction after August 31, 1983, but before April 22, 2008.

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 precautions limitations. Peak may also use chemical dust suppressant to maintain compliance with emissions limitations in Section II.A. of MAQP #4602-00. The Department determined that using water spray bars, water, and/or chemical dust suppressant to maintain compliance with the opacity requirements and reasonable precaution limitations constitutes BACT for the operation for the additional equipment.

The control options selected contain control equipment and control costs comparable to other recently permitted similar sources and are capable of achieving the appropriate emission standards.

Diesel Engines

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

In addition, any new diesel stationary engine would be required to comply with the federal engine emission limitations including, for example, 40 CFR 60, Subpart IIII and/or 40 CFR 63, Subpart ZZZZ.

IV. Emission Inventory

Emission Source	Tons/Year						
	PM	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	NO _x	CO	VOC	SO ₂
Crushers (2,900 TPY)	15.24	6.86	1.27	--	--	--	--
Screens (2,175 TPY)	20.96	7.05	0.48	--	--	--	--
Truck Unloading	0.46	0.15	0.04	--	--	--	--
Material Transfer	4.89	1.61	0.52	--	--	--	--
Pile Forming	30.81	14.57	2.21	--	--	--	--
Diesel Engine(s) (Up to 565 hp)	5.46	5.46	5.46	35.87	16.59	6.24	5.09
Haul Roads	11.37	3.13	0.31	--	--	--	--
Total Emissions	89.64	38.98	10.34	35.87	16.59	6.24	5.09

Notes:

1 - The diesel generator engine(s) is limited to 656 hp.

- PM_{2.5} Particulate matter with an aerodynamic diameter of 2.5 microns or less
- VOC Volatile Organic Compounds
- SO₂ Sulfur Dioxide
- VMT Vehicle Miles Traveled
- hr Hour
- yr Year
- lb Pound
- mph Miles per Hour

Material Crushing (up to 2,900 TPH)

Process Rate: 2,900 tons/hr
Hours of Operation: 8,760 hr/yr

PM Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.0012 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.0012 lbs/ton * 2,900 tons/hr = 3.48 lbs/hr
3.48 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 15.24 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00054 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.00054 lbs/ton * 2,900 tons/hr = 1.57 lbs/hr
1.57 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 6.86 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.0001 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.0001 lbs/ton * 2,900 tons/hr = 0.29 lbs/hr
0.29 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 1.27 tons/yr

Material Screening (up to 2,175 TPH)

Process Rate: 2,175 tons/hr
Hours of Operation: 8,760 hr/yr

PM Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.0022 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.0022 lbs/ton * 2,175 tons/hr = 4.79 lbs/hr
4.79 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 20.96 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00074 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.00074 lbs/ton * 2,175 tons/hr = 1.61 lbs/hr
1.61 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 7.05 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00005 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.00005 lbs/ton * 2,175 tons/hr = 0.11 lbs/hr
0.11 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 0.48 tons/yr

Truck Unloading

Process Rate: 750 tons/hr
Number of Loads: 1 Load
Hours of Operation: 8,760 hr/yr

TSP Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00014 lbs/ton (AP-42, Section 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.00014 lbs/ton * 750 tons/hr * 1 Load = 0.11 lbs/hr
0.11 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 0.46 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.000046 lbs/ton (AP-42, Section 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.000046 lbs/ton * 750 tons/hr * 1 Load = 0.0345 lbs/hr
0.0345 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 0.15 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.000013 lbs/ton (AP-42, Section 11.19.2-2, 8/04)
Calculations: 0.000013 lbs/ton * 750 tons/hr * 1 Load = 0.0098 lbs/hr
0.0098 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 0.04 tons/yr

Material Transfer

Process Rate: 725 tons/hr
Number of Transfers: 11 Transfers
Hours of Operation: 8,760 hr/yr

PM Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00014 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 7/94)
Calculations: 0.00014 lbs/ton * 725 tons/hr * 11 Transfers = 1.12 lbs/hr
1.12 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 4.89 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 4.6E-5 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 7/94)
Calculations: 4.6E-5 lbs/ton * 725 tons/hr * 11 Transfers = 0.367 lbs/hr
0.367 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 1.61 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 1.5E-5 lbs/ton (AP-42, Table 11.19.2-2, 7/94)
Calculations: 1.5E-5 lbs/ton * 725 tons/hr * 11 Transfers = 0.120 lbs/hr
0.120 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 0.52 tons/yr

Pile Forming

Process Rate: 725 tons/hr
Number of Piles: 3 Piles
Hours of Operation: 8,760 hr/yr

PM Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00323 lbs/ton (Equation 1 from AP-42, Sec. 13.2.4.3, 11/06)
Where: k = 0.74 (Value for PM < 30 microns)
U = 8.15 mph (Average from values provided)
M = 2.52 % (Average from values provided)
Calculations: 0.00323 lbs/ton * 725 tons/hr * 3 Piles = 7.03 lbs/hr
7.03 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 30.81 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00153 lbs/ton (Equation 1 from AP-42, Sec. 13.2.4.3, 11/06)
Where: k = 0.35 (Value for PM < 10 microns)
U = 8.15 mph (Average from values provided)
M = 2.52 % (Average from values provided)
Calculations: 0.00153 lbs/ton * 725 tons/hr * 3 Piles = 3.33 lbs/hr
3.33lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 14.5 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00023 lbs/ton (Equation 1 from AP-42, Sec. 13.2.4.3, 11/06)
Where: k = 0.053 (Value for PM < 10 microns)
U = 8.15 mph (Average from values provided)
M = 2.52 % (Average from values provided)
Calculations: 0.00023 lbs/ton * 725 tons/hr * 3 Piles = 0.500 lbs/hr
0.500 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 2.21 tons/yr

Diesel Engine (up to 565 hp)

Generator Size: 565 hp
Hours of Operation: 8,760 hr/yr

PM Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.0022 lbs/hp-hr (AP-42 Table 3.3-1, 10/96)
Calculations: 0.0022 lbs/hp-hr * 565 hp = 1.24 lbs/hr
1.24 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 5.46 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.0022 lbs/hp-hr (AP-42 Table 3.3-1, 10/96)
Calculations: 0.0022 lbs/hp-hr * 565 hp = 1.24 lbs/hr
1.24 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 5.46 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.0022 lbs/hp-hr (AP-42 Table 3.3-1, 10/96)
Calculations: 0.0022 lbs/hp-hr * 565 hp = 1.24 lbs/hr
1.24 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 5.46 tons/yr

NO_x Emissions (350 kW):

Emission Factor: 9.2 g/kW-hr (EPA Non-Road Diesel Emissions Standards - Tier I)
Calculations: 9.2 g/kW-hr * 350 kW = 3220 g/hr
3220 g/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0000011 tons/g = 31.03 tons/yr

NO_x Emissions (67 kW):

Emission Factor: 7.5 g/kW-hr (EPA Non-Road Diesel Emissions Standards - Tier II)
Calculations: 7.5 g/kW-hr * 67 kW = 502.5 g/hr
502.5 g/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.00009 tons/g = 4.84 tons/yr

CO Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00668 lbs/hp-hr (AP-42 Table 3.3-1, 10/96)
Calculations: 0.00668 lbs/hp-hr * 565 hp = 3.77 lbs/hr
3.77 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 16.59 tons/yr

VOC Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00251 lbs/hp-hr (AP-42 Table 3.3-1, 10/96)
Calculations: 0.00251 lbs/hp-hr * 565 hp = 1.42 lbs/hr
1.42 lbs/hr * 8,760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 6.24 tons/yr

SO₂ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.00205 lbs/hp-hr (AP-42 Table 3.3-1, 10/96)
Calculations: 0.00205 lbs/hp-hr * 565 hp = 1.16 lbs/hr
1.16 lbs/hr * 8760 hr/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 5.09 tons/yr

Haul Roads

Vehicle Miles Traveled: 5 VMT/day {Estimated}

PM Emissions:

Emission Factor: 12.46 lbs/VMT (Equation 1a from AP-42, Sec. 13.2.2, 11/06)
Where: k = 4.9 lbs/VMT (Value for PM30/TSP, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
s = 7.1% (AP-42, Table 13.2.2-1, 11/06)
W = 54 tons
a = 0.7 (Value for PM30/TSP, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
b = 0.45 (Value for PM30/TSP, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
Calculations: 12.46 lbs/VMT * 5 VMT/day = 62.3 lbs/day
62.3 lbs/day * 365 days/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 11.37 tons/yr

PM₁₀ Emissions:

Emission Factor: 3.43 lbs/VMT (Equation 1a from AP-42, Sec. 13.2.2, 11/06)
Where: k = 1.5 lbs/VMT (Value for PM10, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
s = 7.1% (AP-42, Table 13.2.2-1, 11/06)
W = 54 tons
a = 0.9 (Value for PM10, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
b = 0.45 (Value for PM10, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
Calculations: 3.43 lbs/VMT * 5 VMT/day = 17.15 lbs/day
17.15 lbs/day * 365 days/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 3.13 tons/yr

PM_{2.5} Emissions:

Emission Factor: 0.34 lbs/VMT (Equation 1a from AP-42, Sec. 13.2.2, 11/06)
Where: k = 0.15 lbs/VMT (Value for PM10, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
s = 7.1% (AP-42, Table 13.2.2-1, 11/06)
W = 54 tons
a = 0.9 (Value for PM10, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
b = 0.45 (Value for PM10, AP-42, Table 13.2.2-2, 11/06)
Calculations: 0.34 lbs/VMT * 5 VMT/day = 1.7 lbs/day
1.7 lbs/day * 365 days/yr * 0.0005 tons/lb = 0.31 tons/yr

V. Existing Air Quality

This permit is for a portable crushing facility to be located at various locations around Montana. This permit contains operational conditions and limitations that would protect air quality for this site and the surrounding area. 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. Further, the amount of controlled particulate emissions generated by this project should not cause concentrations of PM₁₀ in the ambient air that exceed the set standard.

VI. Air Quality Impacts

The Department determined, based on ambient air modeling, that the impact from this permitting action will be minor. The Department believes it will not cause or contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard.

VII. Ambient Air Impact Analysis

MAQP #4602-00 states that the facility will operate a 475-hp diesel generator engine and a 90-hp diesel generator engine to operate the facility. The Department determined, based on ambient air modeling, that in order to maintain compliance with the one-hour NO₂ NAAQS, Peak would need a minimum stack height above ground level of 15 feet for the 475-hp diesel generator engine and 10 feet for the 90-hp diesel generator engine. These minimum stack heights will provide adequate dispersion of the NO₂ emissions to maintain compliance with the one-hour NO₂ NAAQS. This condition is based on ambient air modeling of the diesel generator engine

emissions while located in the homepit location indefinitely. These stack height requirements would also protect the NO₂ NAAQS while operating in other temporary locations where Peak is limited by ARM 17.8.765(b) to remain at those locations for less than one year. The Department believes that the facility will not cause or contribute to a violation of any ambient air quality standard.

VIII. Taking or Damaging Implication Analysis

As required by 2-10-105, MCA, the Department conducted the following private property taking and damaging assessment.

YES	NO	
X		1. Does the action pertain to land or water management or environmental regulation affecting private real property or water rights?
	X	2. Does the action result in either a permanent or indefinite physical occupation of private property?
	X	3. Does the action deny a fundamental attribute of ownership? (ex.: right to exclude others, disposal of property)
	X	4. Does the action deprive the owner of all economically viable uses of the property?
	X	5. Does the action require a property owner to dedicate a portion of property or to grant an easement? [If no, go to (6)].
		5a. Is there a reasonable, specific connection between the government requirement and legitimate state interests?
		5b. Is the government requirement roughly proportional to the impact of the proposed use of the property?
	X	6. Does the action have a severe impact on the value of the property? (consider economic impact, investment-backed expectations, character of government action)
	X	7. Does the action damage the property by causing some physical disturbance with respect to the property in excess of that sustained by the public generally?
	X	7a. Is the impact of government action direct, peculiar, and significant?
	X	7b. Has government action resulted in the property becoming practically inaccessible, waterlogged or flooded?
	X	7c. Has government action lowered property values by more than 30% and necessitated the physical taking of adjacent property or property across a public way from the property in question?
	X	Takings or damaging implications? (Taking or damaging implications exist if YES is checked in response to question 1 and also to any one or more of the following questions: 2, 3, 4, 6, 7a, 7b, 7c; or if NO is checked in response to questions 5a or 5b; the shaded areas)

Based on this analysis, the Department determined there are no taking or damaging implications associated with this permit action.

IX. 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 To: Peak Sand and Gravel
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Montana Air Quality Permit Number: 4602-00

Preliminary Determination Issued: 10/27/2010

Department Decision Issued: 11/16/10

Permit Final: 12/02/10

1. *Legal Description of Site:* Peak proposes to operate a portable crushing facility, which will initially be located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 30 East, Mineral County, Montana. However, MAQP #4602-00 applies while operating at any location in Montana, except those areas having a Department-approved permitting program, areas considered tribal lands, or areas in or within 10 kilometers (km) of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas. *A Missoula County air quality permit will be required for locations within Missoula County, Montana.* An addendum will be required for locations in or within 10 km of certain PM₁₀ nonattainment areas.
2. *Description of Project:* The Department received a permit application from Peak for the operation of a portable crushing facility with a maximum rated design process rate of 725 TPH. Peak proposes to utilize a portable electrical generator powered by diesel engine to supply electricity to the plant. The proposed diesel engine(s)/generator(s) will have a minimum design capacity of 90 hp and a maximum design capacity of up to 565 hp. Peak requested that this permit be written in a de minimis friendly manner.
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 MAQP #4602-00 would allow Peak to operate the permitted equipment at various locations throughout Montana (as described above), including the proposed initial site location.
4. *Alternatives Considered:* In addition to the proposed action, the Department considered the "no-action" alternative. The "no-action" alternative would deny issuance of the MAQP 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.
5. *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 MAQP #4602-00.
6. *Regulatory Effects on Private Property:* 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.

7. 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 Resources			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

This permitting action would have a minor effect on terrestrial and aquatic life and habitats, as the proposed project would affect an existing, industrial property that has already been disturbed. 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 the operations (see Section 7.F of this EA) and would have intermittent and seasonal operations. Therefore, only minor and temporary effects to terrestrial and aquatic life and habitat would be expected from the proposed project.

B. Water Quality, Quantity, and Distribution

Water would be required for dust suppression on the surrounding roadways and general facility area. This water use would only cause minor, if any, impacts to water resources because the facility is small and only a small volume of water would be required to be used. In addition, the facility would emit air pollutants, and corresponding deposition of pollutants would occur, as described in Section 7.F. of this EA. The site is in an existing open-cut pit where water runoff would be more readily controlled. However, the Department determined that, due to dispersion characteristics of pollutants and conditions that would be placed in MAQP #4602-00, any impacts from deposition of pollutants on water quality, quantity, and distribution would be minor.

C. Geology and Soil Quality, Stability, and Moisture

Only minor impacts from deposition of air pollutants on soils would result (as described in Section 7.F of this EA) and only minor amounts of water would be used for pollution control, and would be used, only as necessary, in controlling particulate emissions. Thus, only minimal water runoff would occur. Since only minor amounts of pollution would be generated and corresponding emissions would be widely dispersed before settling upon

surrounding soils and vegetation (as described in Section 7.D of this EA), impacts would be minor. Therefore, any effects upon geology and soil quality, stability, and moisture from air pollutant emissions from equipment operations would be minor and short-lived.

D. Vegetation Cover, Quantity, and Quality

Only minor impacts would occur on vegetative cover, quality, and quantity because the facility would operate in an area where vegetation has been previously disturbed. During operations, the facility would be a relatively minor source of emissions and the pollutants would be greatly dispersed (as described in Section 7.F of this EA); therefore, deposition on vegetation from the proposed project would be minor. Also, because the water usage would be minimal (as described in Section 7.B of this EA) and the associated soil disturbance from the application of water and water runoff would be minimal (as described in Section 7.C of this EA), corresponding vegetative impacts would be minor.

E. Aesthetics

The crushing facility would be visible and would create noise while operating at the proposed site. However, Permit #4602-00 would include conditions to control emissions, including visible emissions, from the plant. The facility would be portable, would operate on an intermittent and seasonal basis, and would be a small industrial source. Therefore, any visual aesthetic impacts would be short-lived and minor.

F. Air Quality

Air quality impacts from the proposed project would be minor because the facility would be relatively small and operate on an intermittent and temporary basis. MAQP #4602-00 would include conditions limiting the facility's opacity; require water and water spray bars be available on site and used to ensure compliance with opacity standards; and limit the facility's crushing production.

Further, the Department determined that this crushing facility would be a minor source of emissions as defined under the Title V Operating Permit Program because the source's potential to emit is limited to below the major source threshold level of 100 TPY 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. Therefore, air quality impacts from operating the crushing facility 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 in the initial proposed area of operation (NE ¼ NE ¼ of Section 21, Township 19 North, Range 30 East, Mineral County, Montana), contacted the Natural Resource Information System – Montana Natural Heritage Program. Search results concluded there are seven species of concern within the area. The search area, in this case, is defined by the section, township, and range of the proposed site, with an additional 1-mile buffer. The known species of concern include six vertebrate animals: the Western Toad (Sensitive), Westslope Cutthroat Trout (Sensitive), Gray Wolf (Sensitive), Fisher (Sensitive), Wolverine (Sensitive), and Canada Lynx (Threatened). The known species of concern also includes one invertebrate animal: the Humped Coin.

While these species may be found within the search area, these animals may have many miles of potential habitat. Specific effects of operating the crushing facility in this area would be minor since the facility is relatively small in size and located within an existing pit, and would have only seasonal and intermittent operations in the area. Therefore, the Department determined that any effects upon these species would be minor and short-lived.

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

Due to the relatively small size of the project, only small demands on environmental resources would be required for proper operation. Only small quantities of water would be required for dust suppression of particulate 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 as described in Section 7.F of this EA. Energy requirements would also be small, as the diesel engines would use small amounts of fuel. Overall, any impacts to water, air, and energy resources would be minor.

I. Historical and Archaeological Sites

The Department 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 initial location of the facility. 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.

Based on information received from the applicant, the proposed project sites have been previously disturbed in accordance with current mining permits held by the applicant.

J. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

The operation of the crushing facility 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, oxides of NO_x, CO, Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC), and oxides of Sulfur (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 the operation of the crushing facility would be seasonal and temporary. The proposed project would be short-term in nature, and have minor cumulative effects upon resources within the area. These resources include water, terrestrial and aquatic life, soils, and vegetation. Overall, cumulative and secondary impacts to the physical and biological aspects of the human environment would be minor.

8. 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 operation of the crushing facility would cause no disruption to the social structures and mores in the area because the source would be a minor industrial source of emissions and would only have temporary and intermittent operations. Further, the facility would be required to operate according to the conditions that would be placed in MAQP #4602-00, 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 operation of the proposed crushing facility because the facility is a portable source, with seasonal and intermittent operations.

C. Local and State Tax Base and Tax Revenue

The operation of the crushing facility 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 4 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 operation of the crushing facility would have only a minor impact on local industrial production since the facility would be a minor source of air emissions. Because minimal deposition of air pollutants would occur on the surrounding land (as described in Section 7.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 small and temporary in nature and would be permitted with operational conditions and limitations that would minimize impacts upon surrounding vegetation, as described in Section 7.D of this EA.

E. Human Health

MAQP #4602-00 would incorporate conditions to ensure that the crushing 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 7.F. of this EA, the air emissions from this facility would be minimized by the use of water spray and other operational limits that would be required by MAQP #4602-00. Also, the facility would be operating on a temporary basis and pollutants would disperse from the ventilation of emissions at this site (see Section 7.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

Based on information received from Peak, no recreational activities or wilderness areas are near the proposed project site. Therefore, no impacts to the access to and quality of recreational and wilderness activities are anticipated.

G. Quantity and Distribution of Employment

The portable crushing/screening operation would only require 4 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 4 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 may be seen in traffic on existing roadways in the area while the crushing facility is being operated. 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. However, demands for government services would be minor.

J. Industrial and Commercial Activity

The operation of the crushing facility 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 MAQP #4602-00, to operate in areas designated by EPA as attainment or unclassified for ambient air quality. An Addendum would be required to operate in or within 10 km of a PM₁₀ nonattainment area. MAQP #4602-00 would contain operational restrictions 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 crushing facility would be a portable source and would have intermittent and seasonal operations, any impacts from the project would be minor and short-lived.

L. Cumulative and Secondary Impacts

The operation of the crushing facility would cause only 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. 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: No Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is required.

If an EIS is not required, explain why the EA is an appropriate level of analysis: The current permitting action is for the operation of a portable crushing facility with a maximum rated design process rate of 725 TPH. MAQP #4602-00 would include conditions and limitations to ensure the facility would operate in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations. In addition, there are no significant impacts associated with this proposal.

Other groups or agencies contacted or which may have overlapping jurisdiction: Montana Historical Society – State Historic Preservation Office, Natural Resource Information System – Montana Natural Heritage Program

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