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Dear Reader:

Enclosed is the Montana Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Record of Decision (ROD) on Montana Tunnels Mining, Inc.'s application for Amendment 008 to Operating Permit 00113. The decision has been made to approve Amendment 008 and to select the Agency Modified Alternative for expansion and reclamation of the mine site.

The ROD contains a list of stipulations that will be applied to the operating permit in order to implement the amendment. Also included in the ROD is DEQ's rationale for the decision and information on appealing the decision.

The Bureau of Land Management will issue a ROD describing its decision on amending Montana Tunnels' Plan of Operations No. MTM 82856 at a later date.

DEQ appreciates the public's involvement in preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. If you need additional copies of the ROD or the Final Environmental Impact Statement, which are posted on the web at www.deq.mt.gov, please contact Greg Hallsten at 406-444-3276.

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