**REQUEST FOR PRE-APPLICATION MEETING**

DEQ strongly recommends Operators request a meeting before submitting an application. In response, an Opencut scientist will contact the Operator and schedule a visit to provide guidance on the application process and recommendations on the proposed Opencut operation. Before the site meeting the Operator should:

1. Read the master guidance document *How to Obtain and Comply with an Opencut Mining Permit* at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/opencut> (click on the “Forms” tab)
2. Start completing the required application forms at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/opencut>
3. Stake the proposed Opencut area boundary and show the boundary on an attached air photo site map.
4. Submit to the State Historic Preservation Office a *File Search Request Form* to check for cultural resources in the area. The form is at: <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/opencut>, under *B-Permit and Amendment Applications*.  There is a minimum $25 fee for this service.
5. Dig and photograph the required number of soil test pits, if preparing a Permit or Amendment application.
6. Have a detailed list of questions ready to discuss with the Opencut scientist.

**Site Name:**

**County:**

**OPERATOR Name:**

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

**LANDOWNER Name**:

**Address:**

**City:**

**State:**

**Zip:**

**Phone:**

**Email:**

1. This request is in preparation for the following type of application (check one):

[ ] Permit [ ] Amendment [ ] Assignment [ ] Convert a Limited Opencut Operation to a Permit

[ ] Request to Modify Bonded Acreage

1. If for a currently permitted site, or an existing Limited Opencut Operation, the **Opencut number** is:
2. Attach an airphoto site map showing the proposed Opencut permit boundary.
3. Provide **WGS 84 Decimal Degree** coordinates for the approximate center of the site:

Latitude:

Longitude:

1. Site approximate size: [ ] <20 acres [ ] 20-50 acres [ ] 50-100 acres [ ] 100-200 acres [ ] >200 acres
2. Describe how to get to the site from the nearest town or public road:

1. Check the material(s) to be mined at this site:

**[ ]  Gravel [ ]  Sand [ ]  Clay [ ]  Scoria [ ]  Peat [ ]  Bentonite**

**[ ]  Mixtures including any of the above materials (e.g. borrow material)**

**[ ] \*Bedrock and/or Fractured Bedrock [ ] \*Rip Rap and/or Landscaping Boulders**

**[ ] \*Talus/Scree**

**\*** If chosen, this activity is not regulated as an Opencut operation and use of this form is not appropriate.

You must instead contact the DEQ Hard Rock Mining Program at 406-444-4953, or visit their website at <http://deq.mt.gov/Mining/hardrock> and inquire about filing a *Small Miner Exclusion Statement* available at <http://deq.mt.gov/Portals/112/Land/hardrock/documents/pdfs/Packets/SmallMinerExclusion_June2013.pdf>.

1. Purpose of completing this Pre-Application Meeting form (check all that apply):

**[ ]  Onsite Inspection with DEQ**

**[ ]  Phone Discussion with DEQ about Site**

**[ ]  Informing DEQ of a pending application**

1. Additional comments on timing of Pre-Application Meeting and Project (if applicable):

**Email this completed form and attached airphoto site map to** **DEQopencut@mt.gov****.**

**Contact Name:**

**Phone:**