November 3, 2026

El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC
c/o Robert Procop
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Sent by email to: kelly@robertprocop.com

Dear Robert Procop,

On August 11, 2026, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received an application for an amendment to Exploration License No. 00901 (AMD1) to conduct exploration activities on private land in Granite County, near Helena, Montana.

On November 3, 2026, DEQ issued a Final Environmental Assessment (EA), analyzing, in detail, the possible environmental impacts of two alternatives: the No Action Alternative and the Applicant's Proposed Action Alternative. The decisions contained in this decision document are based on the analysis set forth in the Final EA.

DEQ's Decisions

DEQ has applied the significance criteria set forth in the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.4.608 in determining the significance of impacts on the human environment. Applying those criteria, DEQ has determined that the preparation of an EA is the appropriate level of review under the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). DEQ's application of the significance criteria is set forth in the Final EA.

DEQ has selected the Applicant's Proposed Action Alternative as set forth in the Final EA and would approve El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine's application for an amendment to Exploration License No. 00901 (AMD1) if El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC posted the required reclamation bond for the project.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-332(3), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC is required to file with DEQ a reclamation and revegetation bond in a form and amount as determined by DEQ in accordance with Section 82-4-338, MCA. El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC is not authorized to conduct any exploration activity or to conduct any action in anticipation of conducting exploration activity (such as mobilization of equipment) that is subject to DEQ's approval until El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC submits the required bond to DEQ and DEQ has notified El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC of its acceptance of the submitted bond.

Appeal of DEQ's Decisions

Legal actions seeking review of DEQ's approval of AMD1 to Exploration License No. 00901 must be filed within 90 days after the date of this decision under Section 82-4-349(1), MCA. Any action or proceeding alleging a failure by DEQ to comply with MEPA or inadequate compliance with a MEPA requirement must be brought within 60 days after issuance of this decision pursuant to Section 75-1-201(5)(a)(ii), MCA.

Bond Required

Based on the submitted amendment application, DEQ and the USFS have jointly calculated a total reclamation cost estimate for the proposed exploration activities of **$106,918**. The proposed exploration activities include the reclamation of 52 flat drill pads, plugging and abandonment of 4,160 feet of drill holes, 17,360 feet of overland travel, revegetation, weed control and indirect and contingency costs. In accordance with ARM 17.24.141(2), the DEQ is required to conduct a comprehensive bond review at least once every five years to ensure that bond amount remains adequate to over reclamation.

Section 82-4-341, MCA, states that if the licensee fails to reclaim the disturbance, the licensee is liable to the department for all its reasonable reclamation costs. The calculated bond amount does not represent reclamation liability limits or constraints should the actual cost of reclamation exceed this amount. Further, in the event of bond forfeiture, El Dorado Sapphire & Gold Mine LLC and any company principals would be ineligible to hold a SMES/Exploration License/Operating Permit in the State of Montana.

Prior to making any financial arrangements, please contact our Bond Coordinator, Jacob Churchill, at jacob.churchill@mt.gov for the correct bond form and instructions.

Please contact me with any further questions.

Sincerely,

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