

To All Potential Applicants

**RE: Application Information Packet for Hard Rock Mining Operating Permits**

Dear Applicant(s),

An operating permit from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Hard Rock Mining Section (HRM) is required for those that plan to mine and disturb more than five acres, as defined under the Montana Metal Mine Reclamation Act. For eligible operators, a separate application for rock products operations is available. Please inquire with DEQ Mining Bureau for eligibility for a rock products permit.

Enclosed is an information packet for a Hard Rock Mining Operating Permit.

The information packet includes:

1. Operating Permit Application form
2. Operating and Reclamation Plan Application form
3. Operating Permit Application Compliance Certification
4. Application process flow charts
5. Montana Hard Rock & Placer Mining Requirements
6. Additional permits or licenses that may be required
7. Hard Rock Mining fees list

Completed copies of the Operating Permit Application form and Operating and Reclamation Plan Application form should be submitted via email to [deqhardrock@mt.gov](mailto:deqhardrock@mt.gov). Please mail a signed original copy of the Operating Permit Application form, plus the required application fee (checks made payable to "MT DEQ-HRM") to:

DEQ-HRM  
Attn: Hard Rock Mining Supervisor  
PO Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

If you have questions, please contact Millie Olsen, Hard Rock Mining Section Supervisor at (406) 444-2461 or [millie.olsen@mt.gov](mailto:millie.olsen@mt.gov).