

SMALL MINER: PLACER / DREDGE ADDENDUM

In accordance with 82-4-305(3), Montana Code Annotated (MCA), a small miner whose operations are placer or dredge mining shall post a performance bond equal to the state's documented cost estimate of reclaiming the disturbed land, although the bond may not exceed \$10,000 for each operation. If the small miner has posted a bond for reclamation with another government agency, the small miner is exempt from the requirement of 82-4-305(3), MCA.

- DEQ will review the information provided below in consideration of a lower bond amount.
- Please refer to [Administrative Rules of Montana \(ARM\) 17.24.182](#) when developing the mine plan.
- Provide additional pages with this Small Miner: Placer/Dredge Addendum as necessary.

A.) Description of the mining operation including future expansion. Identify maximum size of total operation:

B.) Description of all equipment, support facilities, and plant capacity (*cubic yards/hr*):

C.) Estimate of pit/trench excavation size (*length x width x depth*), pond size (*length x width x depth*), overburden depth (*length x width x depth*):

D.) Estimate size (*length x width*) of all roads to be used (use codes: *N: new roads, E: existing roads, and OT: overland travel*):

E.) Describe project water to be used, including any surface diversions, and identify distance between nearest project feature to nearest surface water (*streams, ponds, etc.*):

F.) Describe erosion control plan.

G.) Please disclose the status of 310 permit and Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit compliance.

H.) Describe final reclamation plan including time between end of operation and end of final reclamation; how topsoil will be salvaged, stored and reestablished; and identify seed mixture to be used including application rate: