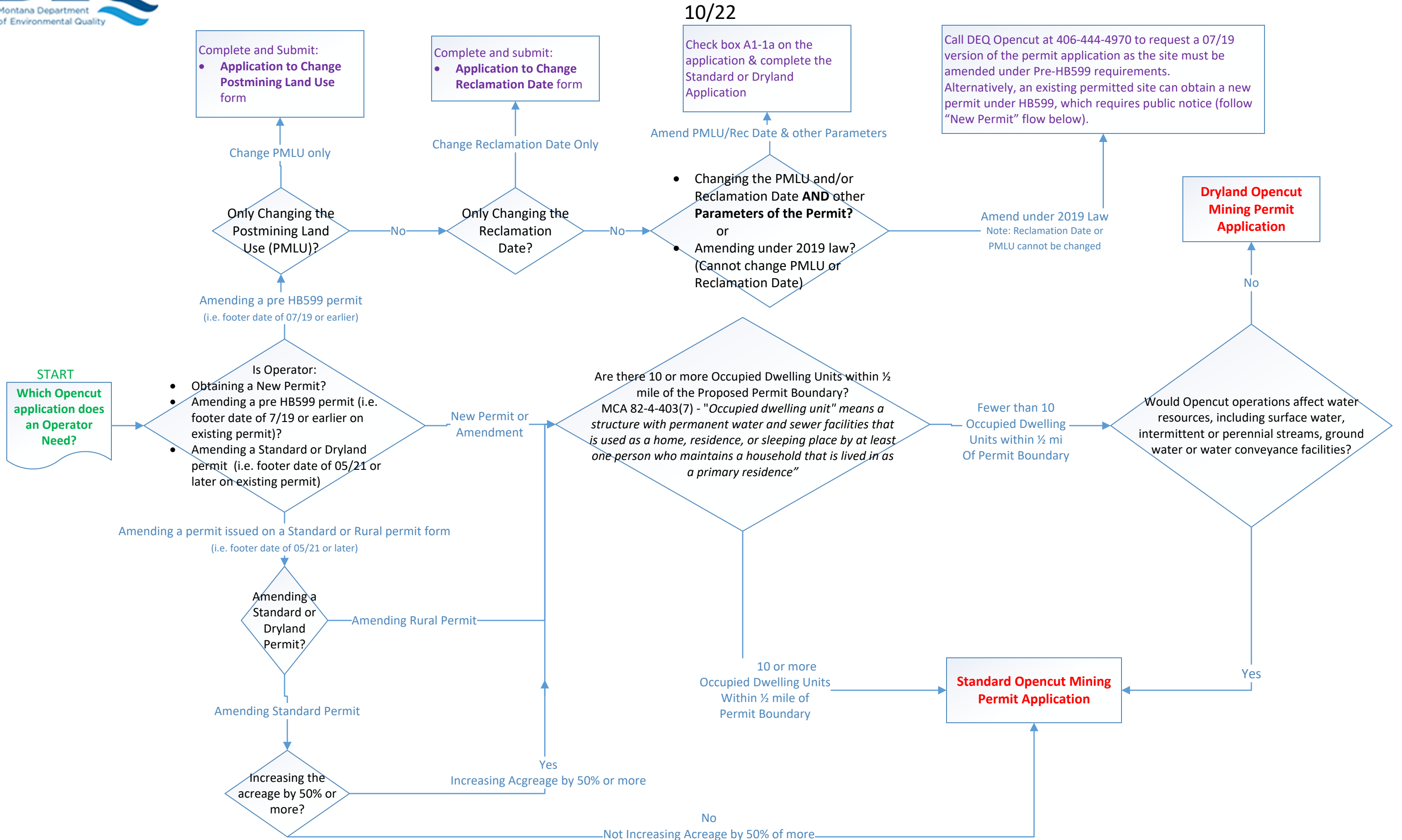


Which Opencut Permit Application is Required?



Limited Opencut Operation (LOO)

In addition to the Standard and Dryland Opencut Mining Operation Applications, a Limited Opencut Operation (LOO) is available for Opencut operations where:

- Operator has an existing Opencut permit;
- Operator intends to remove 10,000 cy of material or less;
- The site has not had 10,000 cy of material removed and operations at the proposed LOO will not exceed 10,000 cy of material removed (combined from past and proposed opencut operations);
- Opencut operations would not exceed 5-acres; and
- Opencut operations would not affect surface water, groundwater, a water conveyance facility, or take place on any slope steeper than 3:1.

Note: A LOO can be converted to a Dryland or Standard permit as long as the appropriate application is submitted within 6-months of obtaining the LOO and permitted within 1-year MCA 82-4-431(2)(a)(iii)(B)