

July 21, 2009

Newspapers: Dillon: Dillon Tribune Examiner, Butte: The Montana Standard, Helena: Independent Record, Missoula: Missoulian and Billings: Billings Gazette

**RE: Legal Notice on Proposed Bond Release for Barretts Minerals, Inc. Mill near Dillon**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the next legal publication section of your newspaper for two consecutive weeks, preferably the Sunday edition:

**Legal Notice**

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received a request to conduct a bond release inspection for a portion of the Barretts Minerals, Inc. Mill (Operating Permit 00009) located about 8 miles south of Dillon, Montana in Beaverhead County. The mill processes talc from the various Barrett mines in the area. The site is located in Township 8 South, Range 9 West, Section 17.

The current bond is set at \$571,711. DEQ proposes to reduce the bond by \$78,196 to \$493,515. The reduction is based on completed re-grading and soiling of 8.6 acres. Bond continues to be held for re-vegetation and weed control for this acreage. The total permit area is 71.5 acres with 62.9 acres permitted for disturbance. An inspection of the site was conducted on June 11, 2009.

Pursuant to Section 82-4-338(5), MCA, DEQ may not release or decrease a reclamation bond until the public has been provided an opportunity for a hearing and a hearing has been held if requested. A request for a hearing on the proposed bond release must be submitted by August 17, 2009 to the postal or e-mail address set forth below.

A copy of the bond calculations that form the basis for the proposed bond determination can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, P.O. Box 200901, 1520 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, MT 59620-0901, or by calling Herb Rolfes at (406) 444-3841 or e-mail at [hrolfes@mt.gov](mailto:hrolfes@mt.gov). Comments must be received by August 17, 2009.

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To expedite payment, please send your invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the address above to the attention of **Dick Morrow**. Please indicate that the bill applies to EMB 50310.9. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Management Bureau  
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