



January 30, 2007

Dear Editor:

Dillon Tribune Examiner, Madisonian, Montana Standard

**RE: Environmental Assessment Released for an Operating Permit  
Amendment for the Regal Mine in Beaverhead County**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your next edition of your newspaper:

#### Legal Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) announces the availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Barretts Minerals Inc. Regal Mine. Barretts Minerals Inc. applied to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an amendment to Operating Permit No. 00013 for the Regal talc mine. The Proposed Action would modify the approved pit dewatering system, expand the overburden disposal area, and realign the Sweetwater Road through the operating permit area. The overall disturbance at the mine site would increase by 39.8 acres. No changes in mining methods, mining rate, or number of employees are proposed.

All of the mine operations would be on private lands in section 35, Township 7 South, Range 7 West and section 2, Township 8 South, Range 7 West. The mine is located 11 miles east of Dillon, MT.

Copies of the application can be reviewed by the public at DEQ offices at 1520 E. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., in Helena, MT or in the Carson Library at Western Montana College. The Draft EA is available on the DEQ Website at [www.deq.mt.gov](http://www.deq.mt.gov). Please submit comments on the EA by February 23, 2007. For information on the project, to obtain a CD or hard copy of the Draft EA, and to submit comments on the proposal, contact:

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Please send your invoice and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Sue Fairchild. Please indicate that the bill applies to Doc # EMB 5037 095. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Herb Rolfes  
Operating Permit Section Supervisor  
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