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Billings Gazette, Carbon County news:

RE: DEQ Releases Operating Permit Amendment Draft EA for Big Horn Limestone Company Warren Quarry Expansion in Carbon County

Dear Editor:

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

Legal Notice

DEQ Releases Operating Permit Amendment Draft EA for Big Horn Limestone Company Warren Quarry Expansion in Carbon County

Big Horn Limestone Company (Big Horn), Warren, MT filed an application on June 20, 2005 for an Operating Permit amendment from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena. The limestone quarry has been operating for over 50 years. Big Horn proposes to expand its limestone quarry operating permit area from 198.9 to 491.9 acres. The quarry area would expand by 283 acres. Ten acres would also be included to over the rail loadout at Warren. All of the quarry operations would be on private lands in sections 19, 24, 25, and 30, Township 8 South and Range 26 East. The quarry is located six miles northeast of Warren, MT.

The rail loadout is on land owned by Montana Limestone Company, Burlington Railway, and the Montana Department of Transportation property in section 9, Township 9 South, and Range 25 East.

DEQ has reviewed the application and has prepared an environmental analysis (EA) on the project. The application is now complete. Please submit comments or questions on the Draft EA by October 30, 2006. For copies of the EA, information on the project and to submit comments on the Draft EA, contact:

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The Draft EA is also on the DEQ Web page at www.deq.mt.gov.

Please mail your invoice, original tear sheet, 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 047. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Herb Rolfes
Operating Permit Section Supervisor
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