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**RE: Legal Notice on Final Five Year Bond Calculation for Big Horn Limestone, Warren Quarry**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the next legal publication section of your Sunday newspaper or weekly addition:

Legal Notice of Final Bond Determination

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed a five-year comprehensive bond review of Big Horn Limestone's (BHL) quarry located near Warren, MT in Sec 15, T9S, R25E, of Carbon County. Big Horn Limestone operates the quarry under Operating Permit No. 00008. Approximately 500 acres are covered by Operating Permit No. 00008, of which about 407 acres are permitted to be disturbed. Currently, Big Horn Limestone has submitted a reclamation bond in the amount of \$1,588,575. On August 2, 2010, DEQ published notice of a proposed bond increase to \$2,215,570. However, BHL subsequently submitted new information, reducing the acreage that would be disturbed over the next five years from 90 to 35 acres and indicating that the steepness of existing slopes is less than the steepness used to calculate the proposed bond. The reductions in the disturbed acreage and the steepness of slopes both reduce reclamation costs. Therefore, DEQ is issuing a final bond determination, increasing BHL's bond by \$245,758 to \$1,834,333.

BHL or any person with an interest, that may be adversely affected, may appeal this bond determination by requesting a contested case hearing before the Board of Environmental review, by filing a written request stating the reason for the request, within 30 days of this notice, pursuant to Section 82-4-338(3)(b), MCA.

A copy of the bond calculation that forms the basis for the final bond determination can be obtained by contacting the Montana Department of Environmental Quality, Environmental Management Bureau, PO 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).

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**Please send your invoice, tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to Environmental Management Bureau of DEQ (address above). Please make sure your invoice contains Purchase Order #50311.55. Thank you.**

Sincerely,

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