

September 21, 2006

Madisonian, Bozeman Daily Chronicle

**RE: Agencies Release Final Environmental Assessment on Luzenac's
Yellowstone Mine near Cameron**

Dear Editor:

Please place the following notice in the legal publication section of your newspaper once each week for the following three weeks:

Legal Notice

The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Environmental Management Bureau in Helena has released a Final Environmental Assessment (EA) approving a proposed Mine Life Extension amendment to Operating Permit 00005 for Luzenac America's Yellowstone Mine near Cameron, MT.

Luzenac filed an application on December 19, 2002 for an amendment to Operating Permit 00005 from the DEQ-EMB in Helena. The Proposed Action would extend the talc mine life by 50 years and disturb an additional 271.3 acres. A Draft EA released in December 2004 analyzed the potential impacts of the Proposed Action as well as alternatives. The Draft EA addressed issues and concerns raised during public involvement and from agency scoping. Public comments received on the Draft EA were addressed in the Final EA. DEQ has approved the Applicant's Proposed Plan with Modifications Alternative.

Copies of the Final EA can be obtained by writing or calling the DEQ, c/o Herb Rolfes, P. O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620, telephone (406) 444-3841 or via e-mail at hrolfes@mt.gov. The Final EA will also be posted on the DEQ web page:

www.deq.mt.us.

Please send your invoice, original tear sheet, and affidavit of publication to DEQ at the above address to the attention of Sue Fairchild. Please reference Doc # EMB 5037 048. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Herb Rolfes
Operating Permit Section Supervisor
Environmental Management Bureau

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