



British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office Invites the Montana Public to Comment on the Lodgepole Coal Mine Project Draft Terms of Reference

The B.C. Environmental Assessment Office (EAO) invites the Montana public to comment on the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the Lodgepole Coal Mine Project (Project).

Cline Mining Corporation (Proponent) is proposing to develop a two million tonnes per year open-pit coal mine and process facilities in southeastern B.C., approximately 35 km (22 miles) north of the Canada - U.S. border. Planned mine life is 20 years.

The proposed Project is subject to review under British Columbia's *Environmental Assessment Act*, S.B.C. 2002, c.43. The purpose of the draft TOR is to identify the information that the Proponent must include in its application for an environmental assessment certificate.

The 30-day public comment period will begin on January 2, 2007 and end on February 1, 2007. Form letters, petitions or other submissions that only state a position for or against a given project cannot generally be considered. Written comments received by **midnight on February 1, 2007** will be considered. After taking public comments into

consideration, the EAO will finalize the draft TOR and issue it to Cline Mining Corp. Please send your comments to:

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Comments by e-mail are encouraged and may be directed to eaoinfo@gov.bc.ca.

An electronic copy of the draft TOR, as well as information regarding the environmental assessment process, are available at www.eao.gov.bc.ca.

Copies of the draft TOR are available to the public at the following libraries in Montana:

- Missoula Public Library
301 East Main, Ph: 406 721-2665
- Flathead County Library in Kalispell
#247 1st Ave East, Ph: 406 758-5820
- Flathead County Library in Whitefish
9 Spokane Ave, Ph: 406 862-6657
- Polson City Library
#2 1st Ave East, Ph: 406 883-8225

NOTE: All comments received by the EAO regarding this Project are considered public and will be posted to the EAO website in their original form. Third party material, such as full newspaper or journal articles cannot be posted because of copyright laws. If you do not want to have your address and/or e-mail address and telephone number posted to the EAO website, please indicate this with your comments.

Open Houses & Public Meetings

The British Columbia Environmental Assessment Office invites interested parties to attend open houses followed by public meetings being held in the following communities:

January 16, 2007	January 17, 2007	January 18, 2007
Elko Community Hall Elko, B.C.	Sparwood Recreation Centre 367 Pine Ave, Sparwood, B.C.	Best Western Hotel 1622-7 th Ave, Fernie, B.C.

Open houses at each location will be held between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Public Meetings will be held between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

