

Reclamation  
at our  
Troy mine



## **bond (bɒnd)**

**A binding agreement; a covenant; a duty, a promise.**

*American Heritage dictionary*

**Montana taxpayers and the environment are protected  
when mining projects end.**

**Guaranteed.**

Mining companies are required to post a bond to cover the costs of water quality monitoring and treatment after a mine has closed. In the past, those bonds weren't always high enough to get the job done.

But that has changed.

"Since 1998, bonds required at mines have tripled. At the Stillwater Mine in East Boulder, for example, bonding has increased more than 1,200 percent since 1997. At Montana Resources in Butte, the increase from 1997 to 2004 was more than 200 percent."

*Great Falls Tribune  
Jan. 8, 2006*

To guarantee that these bonds will protect taxpayers and the environment, state lawmakers passed legislation that gives regulators at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) the ability to set those bonds at the level they deem appropriate. For example, the preliminary bonding estimate for reclamation, including water quality monitoring and treatment at the Rock Creek Project ranged between \$44-\$77 million. Reclamation plans are also continually updated and reviewed as is currently underway at the Troy mine.

**Montana's taxpayers and Montana's water quality are protected.**

**Guaranteed.**

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