# Landusky Mine Reclamation Progress

#### • Reclamation Includes:

- Backfilling
- Regrading/Lime Amendment
- Barrier Placement
- Soil Placement
- Revegetation
- Maintenance
- Some Reclamation done by ZMI prior to 1998
- Interim Reclamation began in 1999 by DEQ and BLM after site abandonment by ZMI
- Over \$ 7 Million in additional reclamation funds provided by BLM and DEQ

#### **Zortman and Landusky Mines - Facilities & Land Status Map**



## Landusky Mine Reclamation Mill Gulch Waste Rock Dump



# Mill Gulch Waste Rock Dump Reclamation 1993 to 2005



1993. Mill Gulch waste rock dump in operation. Contains 17 million tons. Topsoil stockpile on dump top. Active L87 and L91 leach pads in background. July 2005. Regraded, benched, and capped Mill Gulch rock dump. L87 and L91 leach pads with second year vegetation growth in background.



Mill Gulch Waste Rock Dump Revegetated in 1995

July 2001. Reclaimed Mill Gulch Waste Rock dump. Work done by ZMI in 1994-1995.









For scale, the equipment in the red circle is a D10 Bulldozer Flattening the Spent Ore During Leach Pad Reclamation





During regrading the slopes were flattened considerably compared to those present during leaching as exist on the right side of the photo.





# Landusky Mine L87/91 Leach Pad Reclamation 2000 to 2005



July 2005 - L87/91 Leach Pad After regrading, topsoil placement and seeding. Second year vegetation.

July 2000 - L87/91 Valley-Fill Leach Pads. Contains 112 million tons of spent ore, over 150 million gallons of residual cyanide solution and covers over 200 acres.



# Landusky Mine L87/91 Leach Pad Reclamation 2001 to 2005



June 2005, L87/91 leach pad with second year vegetation growth. Bioreactor tanks located on L87 pad dike to left of center.

February 2001, L87/91 leach pad prior to beginning reclamation.

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July 2001, L87/91 leach pad prior to beginning reclamation. Biotreatment plant under construction.

> June 2005, L87/91 leach pad with second year vegetation. Biotreatment plant complete.

### Landusky Mine Reclamation Lower Leach Pads (L79-L84)







# Landusky Mine, Lower Leach Pad Reclamation 1999 - 2005



Bighorn Sheep on Reclaimed L84 Leach Pad

L84 Leach pad in late fall 2001 with first year vegetation.



#### Lower Leach Pad Reclamation 1999 to 2005



July 2005. Fort Belknap college students collect soil samples from the reclaimed L84 leach pad.

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L79-84 leach pads show good vegetative cover during the summer of 2004. Reclamation in progress at the South Gold Bug pit in the background.

## Landusky Mine Reclamation L85/86 Leach Pad Removal



January 2001. L85/86 leach pad in Montana Gulch. Leach pad and dike contain 3.3 million cubic yards of material over 26 acres that must be removed under preferred reclamation plan Alternative L4





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July 2005. Ore, leach pad liner, and dike has been removed. Coversoil spread and seeded in April. Some vegetation visible. 四日日 二

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#### L85/86 Leach Pad Removal from Montana Gulch 2002 to 2005



May 2003. L85/86 leach pad in Montana Gulch. Upper ore lifts removed.



July 2005. L85/86 leach pad removal complete. Some vegetation visible from April seeding.

## Landusky Mine Reclamation L85/86 Leach Pad Removal from Montana Gulch



1993

2003

2005

## Landusky Mine Reclamation August/Little Ben Mine Pit





August Pit, January 2001 Pit Lake Drained via Groundwater Well WS-3 in Montana Gulch

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Note: Highwall Cover

5-foot layer of limestone placed on pit floor

> August Pit, No Lake. Well WS-3 Open



August Pit, September 2004. Soil placed over compacted clay. Most sulfide highwalls covered. Ready for seeding



#### August/Little Ben Mine Pit Reclamation 1999 to 2005

August Pit, October 1999 - Before Draining Pit Lake

August Pit, July 2005 - Reclamation Work Complete



Note: Red line to the right in each photo shows the same pit wall elevation.

## Landusky Mine Reclamation Suprise/Queen Rose Mine Pit Reclamation









November 2001. Liner Placed North of the Groundwater Divide to Limit Groundwater recharge in above the Swift Gulch watershed (upper left). Portion of L87 leach pad visible in upper right.



November 2001. Covering sulfide-bearing Suprise Pit highwalls with non-acid generating rock.

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November 2001. Placing liner on Suprise Pit floor to limit potential recharge to groundwater in the Swift watershed



May 2003. Liner on Suprise Pit Floor. Coarse rock slopes placed to cover sulfide-bearing highwalls. Topsoil cover in Queen Rose Pit on the right.

### Landusky Mine Reclamation Queen Rose/Suprise Pits 2000 to 2005

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July 2005 - Lined and Vegetated Pit Floor; Graded and Vegetated L87 Leach Pad

#### King Creek Waste Rock Dump 1991 to 2005

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### Landusky Mine Reclamation Gold Bug Mine Pit Reclamation

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Gold Bug Pit 2001. Large blocks such as this one remained in the pit area that required removal to create the reclamation surface.

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Gold Bug Pit, Topsoil Placement. Note: Highwall Reduction to Scree Slope Compared to Previous Photo 2002

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## Landusky Mine Reclamation Gold Bug Pit 2001 to 2005

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# Landusky Mine 1993 to 2005

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1993, Near Full Buildout

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2005, Reclamation Construction Complete

# Landusky Mine 1993 to 2005

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2005, Reclamation Construction Complete

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# Landusky Mine Reclamation 1996 to 2005

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**October 1996, Full Mine Buildout**