

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR MINOR REVISION  
COAL AND URANIUM PROGRAM  
MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy

DATE: 05/12/2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-06

LOCATION: Facilities Area

Type and Purpose of Action:

Prior to developing the footprint for the Madison Well Pond the soil was salvaged using an approved plan. The soil was stockpiled; however, a long-term plan for the stockpile was not developed. The proposed minor revision would allow the stockpile to become a permanent stockpile to be used for future reclamation of the facilities area.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The stockpile is located on a hill slope above the 100-year floodplain, therefore, it should not impact surface runoff.

Alternative Actions:

To have the company move the soil material to another stockpile; however, this alternative would have required additional cost with no need.