

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy

DATE: May 19, 2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-10

LOCATION: Rail Loop

Type and Purpose of Action:

Signal Peak proposes to install a train scale within the rail road loop. This facility would be directly associated with the rail loop and would be installed on the rail bed. A small building would be built in proximity to the scale to house equipment and personnel as needed. Do to the relatively small size of the facility; no additional bond would be required.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

Do to the limited size of the facility and its location in association of the rail and rail bed, impacts resulting from the proposed facility are insignificant.

Alternative Actions:

The proposed facility is necessary – used to confirm the coal tonnage that is shipped on the railroad – and needs to be placed on the rail loop. Therefore, the only other alternative was to relocate the scale at some other location. There was no justifiable reason identified to require the relocation of the facility.