

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy, LLC.

DATE: June 23, 2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-19

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine, Musselshell County

Type and Purpose of Action:

This minor revision seeks approval for installing two water lines on the mine facilities. One waterline, to be installed above ground, will connect Madison Well # 2 to a water storage pond (Madison Well Pond) while the other line will transport water from the pond to the coal Preparation Plant facility in a buried line. The lines are estimated at less than 300 yards each in length.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The waterlines will be located within the facilities area of an active mining operation. The area to be disturbed has already been highly disturbed. The additional disturbance due to the installation and use of the waterline is expected to be negligible. Potential impacts from the project include increased localized erosion and sediment runoff. Runoff from the basins affected by this construction will be captured by existing sediment ponds. Standard practices for erosion control of road construction practices will be in place.

Alternative Actions:

No practical alternatives exist.