

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy, LLC.

DATE: June 29, 2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-20

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine, Musselshell County

Type and Purpose of Action:

This minor revision seeks approval for installing approximately one mile of 21kv overhead power line. The power line will be located within the bounds of the mining operation except at a point where it crosses a county road. The line will provide power to the underground portion of the mine.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The power line will be located within the facilities area of an active mining operation. Impacts during construction will likely include some disturbance of the land surface due to heavy truck travel. Soil and vegetation disturbance could be minimized by avoiding soft and wet ambient soil conditions and steep slopes. Impacts would be minimized by reducing vehicle traffic to a minimum and promptly filling any ruts or damage. Standard practices for erosion control of road construction practices will be in place. State rules require adherence to raptor protection practices.

Alternative Actions:

Alternate power line routes would have similar potential impacts.