

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Resources Inc.

DATE: 7/10/2009

OPERATING PERMIT# : 85005

MR#: 09-05-03

LOCATION: Absaloka Mine, Bighorn Co.

Type and Purpose of Action:

The Mine requests approval for an addition to their mining permit of as-built drawings for a realignment of a coal haul road (South Haul Road). The action is administrative in nature with the purpose of more accurately describing and documenting construction work previously approved and completed. The as-built drawing will reflect the actual condition to be found on site in contrast with the design drawings which were previously approved.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

As the action is administrative in nature, there is negligible impact associated with approving the action. The potential for impact would be related to any construction completed significantly different than that previously approved. Review has shown this not to be the case.

Alternative Actions:

This is an administrative action, there are no associated environmental impacts and no alternatives need be considered.