

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy

DATE: 7/27/2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-17

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine No.1, Mussellshell County

Type and Purpose of Action:

Signal Peak Energy proposes to add an 50 KV power substation, owned and managed by Fergus Electric, to the mine facilities. Currently the substation supplies power to select mine facilities. As the facility is within the mine permit area and currently supplies only mine facilities, the Department determined that it needed to be included in the mine facilities. In the future, the substation may supply electricity to users other than the Bull Mountain Mine No. 1. At the end of mine life, the substation is scheduled to be removed; unless it provides electricity to other users, which would require it to remain in place.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The substation was previously constructed by Fergus Electric, therefore, no additional impacts would be realized. The substation and associated powerlines would be constructed to the appropriate raptor protection guidelines.

Alternative Actions:

Since this facility was previously constructed and is needed for the operation of select facilities at the Bull Mountain Mine No. 1, no alternative actions were considered.