

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Corporation - Area B      DATE: 8/6/09

OPERATING PERMIT#: 84003B

MR#: 09-03-01B

LOCATION: Area B Section 8 on the Reclamation side of the pit

Type and Purpose of Action:

Minor Revision 09-03-01B requested to add 1.5 acres of footprint to a soil stockpile. This is a necessary action to ensure enough room for soil stockpiles in order to conserve the resource.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The 1.5 acres potentially could slightly impact reclamation where grading was required under the area and there was not finished regrade available to move the soil to.

Alternative Actions:

Alternatively the soil could have been left in the former stockpile location and lost into the pit during mining.