

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Company – Area D DATE: August 25, 2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 86003D

MR#: 09-03-03D

LOCATION: T2N R41E Section 26

Type and Purpose of Action:

The proponent requested a minor revision to the permit for a temporary coal stockpile on graded spoil

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The impacts would be insignificant given the small area of the stockpile, short duration of the proposal, current state of disturbance of the area, and already existing sediment control. Mitigation includes clean-up of the site with coaly material going to the near-by power plant that burns high ash coal already.

Alternative Actions:

No alternative were considered.