

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy

DATE: 9/10/2009

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 09-17-22

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine #1

Type and Purpose of Action:

The operator has requested two new air monitoring stations as part of SPE's current surface facilities. Current access routes would be used with a small amount of grading needed to properly access one of the sites. Short, overhead powerlines would be constructed to provide power to the sites. A Class III archeological survey was conducted for the operator and identified no cultural resources within the areas to be disturbed.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

These monitoring sites are needed to ensure that the mining operations at the Bull Mountain Mine are conducted within compliance with the approved air permit. The operator compared the cost of using a solar powered monitoring station with the proposed facility. The solar powered unit was cost prohibitive when compared to the proposed unit. The power lines to the sites would be constructed in compliance with the most recent raptor guidelines.

Alternative Actions:

None were considered, as these monitoring stations are needed to help ensure compliance with the air permit.