

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal, LLC

DATE: January 19, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: SMP 79012

MR#: 10-12-01

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine, Decker MT

Type and Purpose of Action:

Spring Creek Coal, LLC submitted a request for a minor revision to the permit and to reduce the amount of performance bond. The revision request reflected the bond adjustment from \$120,267,173 to \$109,631,295.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

No impacts are expected. The company would continue to have enough bond to reclaim the operation if it defaulted on its' commitments. This is purely an administrative action.

Alternative Actions:

There are no alternative actions considered.

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