

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Resources, Inc

DATE: March 18, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: SMP 85005

MR#: 10-05-01

LOCATION: Absaloka Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

Westmoreland Resources, Inc. submitted a request for a minor revision to the permit to increase the amount of performance bond. The increased bond is needed to reflect recent increases in the cost of diesel fuel. The revision would increase the bond by \$1,702,762.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

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

Alternative Actions:

There are no alternative actions considered.

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