

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Resources, Inc.

DATE: March 30, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: C-1985-005

MR#: 10-05-02

LOCATION: Absaloka Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

Permit language in B-35, Water Resources Monitoring Program, was updated to transfer the water quality parameters list for groundwater and surface water samples to the annual hydrology report and clarify language regarding regulatory approval of changes to approved monitoring. This clarifies the permit language and keeps the approved water quality parameters with monitoring data, facilitating review of the annual hydrology report.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

No changes were made to the monitoring network, monitoring frequency or parameters. No potential impacts or mitigation measures are necessary as a result of the revision.

Alternative Actions:

Not modify the permit language.

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