

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

COMPANY NAME: Cloud Peak Energy

DATE: 5/20/2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: 79012

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

The type of state action proposed is approval or disapproval of a minor revision to Permit 79012. The purpose of the action is to advance the dragline walkway in Pit 2 closer to the active mining.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

Approval of the proposed changes to the dragline walkway would have no negative impact and thus would require no mitigation.

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives are necessary.

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