

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Company

DATE: 6/2/10

OPERATING PERMIT#: 85003C

MR#: 10-03-04C

LOCATION: Rosebud Mine, Area C-West

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine operator is requesting approval for modifications to two permitted sediment control ponds – PO-100 and PO-101. The modifications entail connecting the dam outlet pipe to an adjacent road crossing culvert pipe. A riser pipe will be installed at the point of connection and the current depression between the pond embankment and road will be back filled with compacted earth. The primary purpose of the action is to minimize sediment entering the road culvert due to the steep slopes of the current configuration.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

No potential negative impacts are anticipated as a result of changes made to the permit. The area has already been recently disturbed. Project will reduce sediment control problems and maintenance requirements.

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives, other than no action, were considered.