

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

COMPANY NAME: Cloud Peak Energy

DATE: 6/10/2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: 79012

MR#: 10-12-07

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

The action proposed is approval or disapproval of a minor revision to surface coal mine Permit 79012. The purpose of the action is to update the mine permit to include the recent wetlands inventory completed at Spring Creek Mine. This inventory includes the Department of the Army's determination of jurisdictional wetlands.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

Approval of the proposed change to the permit would have no environmental impacts as it is the result of field monitoring, and no mining actions are being added or changed. Thus, the proposed update requires no mitigation.

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives are necessary.

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