

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Company

DATE: July 6, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: 85003C

MR#: 10-03-03C

LOCATION: Rosebud Mine, Area C

Type and Purpose of Action:

The proponent proposes a change to the permit narrative to allow temporary stockpiling of spoil and soil material. The material would be used to reclaim ponds and traps along the permit perimeter. The sediment control structures need to be maintained following reclamation of the adjacent areas. To facilitate reclamation of the structures while minimizing the disturbance to existing reclamation, Western Energy proposed to permit language that would allow them to create temporary material stockpiles adjacent to the sediment control structures. This material would be used for final reclamation of the structure(s).

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The stockpiled material would be placed on disturbed land whenever possible. Western Energy plans to use a dozer to distribute the material when reclaiming the sediment control structures. The dozer would be walked across existing reclamation, or possible native habitats, during dry/frozen conditions; thus, minimizing disturbance to adjacent areas.

Alternative Actions:

The no action alternative was considered; however, this would require the company to haul material to the site during the reclamation phase. This would result in unnecessary disturbance to existing reclamation or native habitats.

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