

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal, LLC

DATE: July 29, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: 79012

MR#: 10-12-11

LOCATION: T8S, R39E, Sections 23 and 24.

Type and Purpose of Action:

This minor revision proposes to install two separate sets of small culverts (18-24 inch) under existing mine roads. The culverts will convey runoff and prevent unnecessary ponding of water and the inundation of roads.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

No significant adverse impacts are expected. The downstream hydrologic balance will not be changed as the flows will be intercepted by mining pits or sediment ponds which are already in place. Installation of the culverts will necessitate minor construction within the roadway. No new disturbance is needed for either access or installation. The mine has a commitment to utilizing the best technology currently available for sediment control measures.

Alternative Actions:

Impacts are negligible therefore no alternatives were considered.

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