

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal, LLC

DATE: October 25, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: SMP 79012

MR#: 10-12-15

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine, Decker, MT

Type and Purpose of Action:

Minor Revision #10-12-15 requests modification of the life of mine (LOM) disturbance boundary on the north side of Pit 4 and the mine cut configuration at the south end of Pit 2. The LOM disturbance modification would facilitate safe highwall layback from cut CB #10. The revision to the mine cut configuration would eliminate the need for undesirable box-cut mining methods associated with potential future Amendment 00183.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The MR is largely administrative and does not approve any construction or alter maintenance procedures. No significant impact to the environment is foreseen as a result of approving this MR.

Alternative Actions:

Impacts are negligible therefore no alternatives were considered.

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