

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy, LLC

DATE: November 4, 2010

OPERATING PERMIT#: 93017

MR#: 10-17-23

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine No. 1, Comanche Basin Loadout

Type and Purpose of Action:

Signal Peak Energy has requested that the Comanche Basin Loadout Facility be removed from the permit area associated with SMP 93017. The area, approximately 2.5 miles east of Broadview, MT was permitted to accommodate a coal loadout facility. The facility was proposed to transfer coal hauled by truck from the Bull Mountain Mine No. 1 to rail cars. The facility was never constructed and is no longer needed as the rail spur has been constructed from Broadview to the Bull Mountain Mine No. 1.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

There should be no environmental impacts as the proposed action is for releasing an undisturbed area from the permit area. The area should revert to the pre-mine land use of cropland (the site was in CRP when the vegetation resource was inventoried).

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives were considered. The no action alternative would have resulted in the area being unnecessarily maintained in the permit area.

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