

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Coal Company      DATE: 3/30/2011

OPERATING PERMIT#: 84003B

MR#: 11-03-01B

LOCATION: Rosebud Area B Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine operator is requesting approval for a revision in language in section 17.24.507(1) Storage and Final Disposal of Garage and other Debris. Western Energy Company is committing to placing debris at a minimum of 25 feet above the water table and eight feet below the surface. The original language did not include depth above the water table.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

No potential negative impacts are anticipated as a result of changes made to the permit. The proposed changes will ensure that any materials placed into the mine pits will be at a minimum 25 feet above the post mining water table and eight feet below the post-mine surface.

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives, other than no action, were considered

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