

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Savage Corp      DATE: September 1, 2011

PERMIT#: C1984002                      REVISION NO: MR11-02-01

LOCATION: Savage Mine, T20N, R57E, E1/2S28

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine operator is proposing construction of a 12 foot wide ditch along the top of the existing mine highwall on Pits 3 & 4. The ditch will collect surface water presently flowing into the pit and direct it to a selected point to descend into the pit. Currently water dropping into the pit is causing head cutting to progress back toward native grounds.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The site is within the active mine permit area, additional impacts to wildlife are expected to be negligible. Some additional disturbance and top soil salvage will need to take place along the ditch footprint. Any sediment related to construction will flow directly into the mine pit not off mine. The mining permit commits the Operator to reclamation of site once its usefulness has ended.

Alternative Actions:

None considered

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