

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Company

DATE: September 15, 2011

PERMIT#: C1985003C

REVISION NO: MR11-03-04C

LOCATION: Rosebud Mine Area C West, T1N, R39E, NE1/4 S1

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine operator has requested approval to modify their surface mining permit to allow for changes to Sediment Pond PO-105. The pond is presently inadequately sized to meet the runoff storage requirements specified in ARM 17.24.639. The proposed action will allow for additional excavation of the current incised impoundment to store approximately 10 ac-ft total.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The impacts are expected to be very minor. The location is within an active mining area. The location is presently disturbed and has had the topsoil salvaged. The project is an expansion of a current excavated pond. Sediment controls are currently in place. The mining permit requires reclamation to take place according to approved methods.

Alternative Actions:

None considered. The project will add additional safeguards to prevent downstream sediment losses.

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