

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Resources, Inc.

DATE: December 15, 2011

PERMIT#: C1985005

REVISION NO: MR263

LOCATION: Absaloka Mine, Big Horn Co, T1N, R38E, S29

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine operator is proposing to update the design and as-built drawing for an existing sediment pond. Due to changes in topography and land conditions, the sediment pond design is not current and the constructed pond may be inadequate for current conditions. The updated design may require changes to the pond which may require minor construction but that is yet to be determined.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The pond design update is largely an administrative action. However, if the pond is found to be inadequate some minor construction may be required. The probable construction would be upstream of the pond embankment. However, the mine operator is committed to utilizing BTCA for control of sediment prior to disturbance. The site is located in an active mine area and no additional land disturbance is expected.

Alternative Actions:

None considered. This action is taken to ensure the mine operator has required sediment control in place.

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