

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Savage Corp DATE: December 20, 2011

PERMIT#: C1984002 REVISION NO: MR44

LOCATION: Savage Coal Mine, Richland Co., T20N, R57E, S21

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine is proposing a mine permit boundary modification that will allow mining of an additional strip of coal near the current permit boundary. The boundary modification adds a strip of land approximately 150 feet wide by 3,350 feet in length totaling approximately 11.5 acres. The additional area is need to provide room for top soil removal and benching of the pit.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The additional area will allow for progression of the strip mining with the associated disturbance. The additional area is up-gradient of the active pit so any sediment will be contained by the permit. The active mine permit already commits the mine operator to specific performance standards for sediment control and reclamation.

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives considered. This action allows for a minimal progression of an approved and active mine.

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