

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal, LLC

DATE: February 28, 2012

PERMIT#: C1979012

REVISION NO: MR166

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine, Near Pit 4 and Carbone Y

Type and Purpose of Action:

The operator seeks Department approval to construct a lined water storage reservoir for the purpose of supplying dust control water.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The proposed reservoir is located in an existing sump area that has undergone a significant reduction in stormwater runoff due to the expansion of Pit 4 and associated loss of contributing drainage area.

The proposed reservoir area has already been disturbed, so construction activity will not result in additional disturbance. As the purpose of the reservoir is to supply dust control water, the proposal will have a beneficial impact on air quality.

Alternative Actions:

Since the action will not bring about significant environmental impacts, no alternative actions were considered.

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