

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy LLC

DATE: March 7, 2013

PERMIT#: C1993017

REVISION NO: MR163

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine Main Facilities Area, T6n, R26E, S13, Musselshell Co.

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine is proposing the installation of an underground water storage tank. The tank will provide wash down water to prevent accumulations of coal dust in the Run of Mine reclaim tunnel. The tank will be buried to prevent freezing. It will be located in a remote location on the Run of Mine pad where equipment travel is minimal and access to the tunnel is optimal

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The tank installation will take place on an existing coal stockpile pad within the active mine facilities area. The area has previously been disturbed with topsoil stripped, salvaged, and stockpiled. Surface water controls and sediment protection are in place. A reclamation plan is currently in place for the site. Any additional water needed will come from the mine's current deep (8,000 feet) wells. Impacts are expected to be negligible.

Alternative Actions:

Approving the proposal will increase worker safety and improve mine production versus no action.

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