

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Company

DATE: January 4, 2012

PERMIT#: C1986003A

REVISION NO: MR58

LOCATION: Rosebud Mine Area A, T1N R41E Sections 3 and 4

Type and Purpose of Action:

The proponent proposed a minor revision to the permit. The revision included a request to expand an existing soil storage area, stockpile area A-1 near the East Fork of Armells Creek.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The native vegetation and soils would be removed from an area less than 2 acres in size prior to stockpiling soils. Mitigation of the disturbed area would include soil replacement and establishment of native vegetation after the soil pile is removed. There would be a low potential for an insignificant impact to the East Fork of Armells Creek if the disturbance is allowed. Potential impacts to East Fork Armells Creek would be reduced by requiring a 100' buffer of native ground between the proposed disturbance and the creek.

Alternative Actions:

No alternative locations were proposed.

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