

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy LLC

DATE: February 24, 2012

PERMIT#: C1993017

REVISION NO: MR142

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine, Musselshell Co., T6N, R26E, S13

Type and Purpose of Action:

The mine operator is proposing to repurpose a stockpile area that was previously used for the storage of fine grained coal waste into a storage area for production coal. The action will alter the mine permit to allow the area to be used for that purpose.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The area is located within the active mine facilities area and currently being used as a coal stockpile location. The mine is scheduled to complete the removal of coal waste from the site by late summer of 2012 at which time the location will be available for production coal storage if necessary.

The location is already disturbed and no new disturbance is expected. The operator has an approved runoff and sediment control plan in place to address those concerns. There could be additional heavy truck traffic associated with using the site as a stockpile location. The traffic will be a short haul from current active stockpile locations within the active mine facility on existing roads. The current permit commits the operator to reclaiming the site once it is no longer needed.

The potential impacts due to the action are expected to be very minor.

Alternative Actions:

None considered.

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