

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

COMPANY NAME: Spring Creek Coal, LLC

DATE: March 15, 2012

PERMIT#: C1979012

REVISION NO: MR169

LOCATION: Spring Creek Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

The MR seeks approval to utilize a long term two track road across PAR 7C reclamation to install new piping for dewatering activities.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The road will only be used by light vehicles during installation and removal of the surface pipeline and will be closed at all other times. Impact will be minimized by only using the road during favorable weather conditions.

Alternative Actions:

Alternatively, SCC considered routing the pipe through another area. This option was not chosen because it was determined that it would disrupt regrade and reclamation activities.

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