

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

COMPANY NAME: Signal Peak Energy LLC

DATE: May 17, 2012

PERMIT#: C1993017

REVISION NO: MR150

LOCATION: Bull Mountain Mine, T6N, R27E, S18 &20, Musselshell Co.

Type and Purpose of Action:

This MR proposes a slight alteration of the location for construction of an earthen pad to be used for drilling a borehole into the underground mine. The pad will be used to inject concrete and other materials into the mine. An EA was prepared for the original location.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

The action will approve a slight modification to the original design. The pad will be constructed approximately 100 feet NW of the originally approved location. The modification will have no more disturbance or adverse impact than the approved design. The impacts are expected to be less than the original design as the new location better avoids drainage swells and associated sediment issues.

There will be potential for sediment transport during, and immediately after, construction of the pad due to the land disturbance. The operator has a permit commitment to use the best technology currently available to address sediment. This may include practices such as installing silt fence or waddles and seeding the disturbed areas at the first available opportunity.

Alternative Actions:

No alternative locations offer any advantage over the one proposed.

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