

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

COMPANY NAME: Westmoreland Savage Corp      DATE: July 5, 2012

PERMIT#: C1984002                      REVISION NO: MR46

LOCATION: Savage Mine, four locations within the permit boundary: underburden wells near South Pond 3, South Pond 1, and east of the Middle Impoundment; alluvial well in Peabody Coulee, downstream of North Pond 2.

Type and Purpose of Action:

Install monitoring wells in the underburden to better understand the response of the deeper underburden to mining; installation of an alluvial well to monitor alluvial groundwater in Peabody Coulee downstream of mining.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

Limited surface disturbance in the vicinity of the drill hole. Drill cuttings will be spread to less than an inch and surface disturbance mitigated, as necessary, through seeding, etc..

Alternative Actions:

No alternatives were considered. The installation of the wells is an improvement over the existing monitoring plan and impacts are negligible.

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