

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

COMPANY NAME: Western Energy Company

DATE: October 15, 2012

PERMIT#: C1985003C

REVISION NO: MR95

LOCATION: Rosebud County, Rosebud Mine, Area C

Type and Purpose of Action:

The proponent proposed a minor revision to Section 515 of the permit. The revision proposes steep slope grading alternatives per the regulations. A pre-mine and post-mine slope replacement justification is included in the submittal. The purpose of the revised plan is to better approximate the original contour of the land prior to mining as required by ARM 17.24.501 and to add diversity to the reclaimed landscape. The proposed steep slope diversity would benefit a wider variety of habitats and provide better blending with adjacent native landscapes.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

No negative impacts are expected in association with this action and there-for no mitigation measures are required. The potential positive impacts would include better restoration of habitat, landscape, and land use.

Alternative Actions:

None required.

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