

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

COMPANY NAME: Decker Coal Company

DATE: September 25, 2014

PERMIT#: C1983007

REVISION NO: MR57

LOCATION: East Decker Mine

Type and Purpose of Action:

Decker proposes a revised hydrologic monitoring plan. This plan keeps the currently approved monitoring locations, frequencies, and analytes. The plan adds additional detail describing sampling, analysis, and reporting protocols already implemented by the mine.

Potential Impacts and Mitigation Measures:

This revision is mostly administrative. The revised monitoring plan does not change the commitments by Decker to monitor hydrologic conditions on and surrounding the mine. No adverse impacts are expected from the update to the hydrologic monitoring plan.

Alternative Actions:

The alternative action is to not update the monitoring plan. This would not change Decker's permit commitments to monitor surface and groundwater. However, sampling methodologies and quality assurance commitments would not be clearly stated in the permit, as required by ARM 17.24.645 (6) and ARM 17.24.646 (6).

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