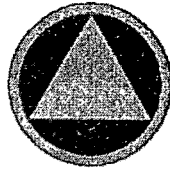


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January 06, 2010

Chris Yde  
Permitting Supervisor  
Industrial and Energy Minerals Bureau  
Department of Environmental Quality  
PO Box 200901  
Helena, MT 59620-0901

**RE: SMP 84002 Permit Amendment – Application 00185**

Dear Chris:

Enclosed are two copies of the Permit Amendment Application 00185 and related materials. Revised ARM sections, appendices, and exhibits are included in this submittal.

Table of Contents – text changes are noted in red font. Items in grey font have not been updated at this time.

ARM sections - all changes are in red font. In ARM 17.24.303 (l)(g)(i) the AVS information has been updated with current information. All sworn statements will be signed and submitted once Bink Miller returns from medical leave. When the Department feels that this application is close to approval WSC will submit an updated bond calculation adjustment and worst case scenario information.

Appendices – all changes in text are shown in red font. Many appendices – exhibits have updates. Many may be an updated title block. Refer to the table of contents – all appendix exhibits that are in grey font have not been updated.

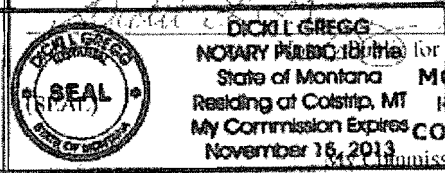
Exhibits – all exhibits that are included in the exhibits binder have been updated. Refer to the table of contents – all exhibits that are in grey font have not been updated.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (406) 748-5124.

Sincerely,

Dicki Gregg  
Permit Coordinator  
dgregg@montana-wcc.com

**APPLICATION FORM FOR STRIP OR UNDERGROUND MINING PERMIT AMENDMENT**

STATE OF MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PO Box 200901 Helena, MT 59620-0901 Phone (406)44-4970	APPLICATION FOR STRIP/UNDERGROUND MINING PERMIT APPLICATION NUMBER: <b>00185</b> <hr/> Pursuant to Title 82, Chapter 4, Part 2, MCA requiring permits for mining coal and uranium.																					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT: (Corporations or other business entity: give names and addresses of principal officers, agents, etc.)  <b>WESTMORELAND SAVAGE CORPORATION</b> <b>PO BOX 30</b> <b>SAVAGE, MT 59262</b>  (see page 3 in ARM Section 17.24.303)	INSTRUCTIONS: See rules and regulations pursuant to the above.  LOCATION OF MINE AREA:  <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Section</td> <td>Township</td> <td>Range</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>21</b></td> <td><b>T20N</b></td> <td><b>R57E</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>22</b></td> <td><b>T20N</b></td> <td><b>R57E</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>23</b></td> <td><b>T20N</b></td> <td><b>R57E</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>26</b></td> <td><b>T20N</b></td> <td><b>R57E</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>27</b></td> <td><b>T20N</b></td> <td><b>R57E</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>28</b></td> <td><b>T20N</b></td> <td><b>R57E</b></td> </tr> </table> County: <b>RICHLAND</b> (see page 4 in ARM Section 17.24.303)	Section	Township	Range	<b>21</b>	<b>T20N</b>	<b>R57E</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>T20N</b>	<b>R57E</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>T20N</b>	<b>R57E</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>T20N</b>	<b>R57E</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>T20N</b>	<b>R57E</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>T20N</b>	<b>R57E</b>
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF SURFACE OWNER: (if different from above)  (see page 5 in ARM Section 17.24.303)	Mineral to be mined: <b>COAL</b>  Acres to be disturbed in the 60 months following permit issuance:  (see Exhibit A1 Life of Mineplan)																					
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CONTRACTORS WHO WILL BE WORKING ON PROJECT: (Show names, addresses and function)  <b>NONE</b>	THIS APPLICATION MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY: 1. Proposed mining and reclamation plan 2. Maps (see rules and regulations) 3. Bond (see rules and regulations) <b>*will provide bond at later date</b> 4. All materials and information required under the law and rules and regulations pursuant to it.																					
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public for the State of <u>MONTANA</u> , this <u>5<sup>TH</sup></u> day of <u>JANUARY, 2010</u> .   _____ DICK L. GREGG NOTARY PUBLIC for the State of MONTANA Residing at Colstrip, MT My Commission Expires <b>NOVEMBER 15, 2013</b>	I, the undersigned, hereby certify that the materials and information contained in this application are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.  SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT _____ <b>JESSE NOEL</b> _____ <b>ENGINEERING MANAGER</b> Title <b>JANUARY 05, 2010</b> Date																					