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April 12, 2010

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% Western Energy Company  
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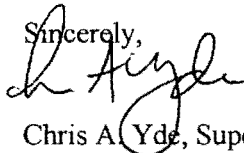
RE: Amendment Application #00185, Savage Mine; Determination of Administrative Completeness

Dear Dicki:

The Department has completed its review of amendment application #00185, received by the Department on January 12, 2010. The Department has determined the application to be administratively complete.

Pursuant to 82-4-231(5), MCA, the Department has also determined that an environmental impact statement for the amendment is not required; the Department will complete an environmental assessment of the proposed action. The Department does not believe that significant additional impacts (additional to those generated by the existing mine) to the quality of the human environment will occur as a result of the proposed activity. Westmoreland Savage Corporation may proceed with publishing its public notice as per 17.24.401(3). As per our discussion on April 9, 2010 and your follow-up email of April 12, 2010, please place an electronic copy of the application in the Sidney – Richland County Library for public review. Prior to publishing the public notice, please revise it to correct the location of the application for public review.

The Department will proceed with its technical review of the application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Department.

Sincerely,  


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