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Mr. Dusty Weber
Signal Peak Energy
Bull Mountain Coal Mine #1
100 Portal Drive
Roundup, MT 59072

Permit ID: C1993017
Revision Type: Amendment
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: Administrative Completeness

Dear Dusty:

The Department has completed its review of amendment application C1993017, submitted August 3, 2011. The Department has determined the application to be administratively complete.

For future submittals regarding your electronic permit please take into considerations the following recommendations.

1. The only hardcopy documents that should be sent are Bonds.
2. Please utilize the appropriate memo fields in all cover letters including Permit ID:, Revision Type:, Permitting Action: and Subject:.
3. Each updated PDF file name should include a suffix, in the following format, which conveys the revision number and submittal date information.
 - a. Volume1_Amd02_20110801
 - b. Year format = Year, Month, Day (e.g. YYYYMMDD)
 - c. Use the date submitted for applications; use the approval date for permit updates.

Pursuant to 82-4-231(5), MCA, the Department has also determined that an environmental impact statement for the amendment application is not required. 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. The Department will complete a detailed Environmental Assessment addressing the proposed amendment. Signal Peak Energy may proceed with publishing its public notice as per 17.24.401(3).

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

Sincerely,

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