

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Montana Strip and Underground Reclamation Act, notice is hereby given that Westmoreland Absaloka Mining, LLC, mailing address of P.O. Box 449 Hardin, MT 59034, has filed an application for Transfer of Coal Prospecting Permit X2012339 with the Coal Section of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The permit is to be transferred from Westmoreland Resources, Inc., to Westmoreland Absaloka Mining, LLC. A transfer is required because total ownership and control has changed. This permit is expired; no additional prospecting can occur under the permit, but reclamation activities can still occur, and a bond remains in place until final bond release.

The prospecting area is near Hardin, Montana. The general legal description of the permit area is as follows:

T1N, R38E	Sections 3, 4, 9, 10, 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35 and 36
T1S, R38E	Sections 1, 2
T1S, R39E	Section 6

All M.P.M., Big Horn County, Montana, containing 11,785 acres, more or less. An electronic copy of the application is available for inspection on the Montana Department of Environmental Quality Coal Section's website (<https://deq.mt.gov/mining/Programs/coal>) or can be requested by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov. The website can be viewed at a local library with internet access.

Written comments on this application may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Coal Section, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or by emailing DEQCoal@mt.gov within 10 days of publication of this notice.