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Ms. Dicki Peterson
Western Energy Company
Rosebud Coal Mine Area F
P.O. Box 99
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Permit ID: C2011003F
Revision Type: New Permit
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: Completeness Determination for Rosebud Coal Mine Area F

Dear Dicki:

The Department of Environmental Quality reviewed Western Energy Company's (Western) permit application for Area F dated November 2, 2011 and subsequent deficiency response on May 7, 2012. DEQ has determined the application to be administratively complete.

Western Energy may proceed with publishing its public notice as per 17.24.401(3).

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

75-1-201(1)(b)(iv), MCA: In summary, states that an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is a detailed review that is required whenever an agency proposes a major action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. The Department is requiring an EIS prior to issuance of this permit and has started the process.

Please feel free to contact Bob Smith at 406-444-7444 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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