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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, AM 3

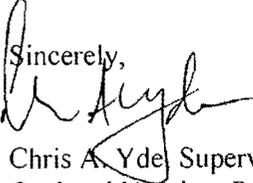
Dear Dusty:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its review of Signal Peak Energy's (SPE) amendment application (AM 3) for SMP C1993017, submitted October 5, 2012 and updated November 30, 2012. DEQ has determined the application to be administratively complete.

Pursuant to 82-4-231(5), MCA, DEQ has also determined that an environmental impact statement for the amendment application is not required. DEQ 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. DEQ will complete a detailed Environmental Assessment addressing the proposed amendment.

SPE may proceed with publishing its public notice as per ARM 17.24.401(3). Please contact Sharona Gilbert at (406) 444-4966 to coordinate the dates of public notice.

DEQ will proceed with its acceptability review of the application. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bob Smith at (406) 444-7444.

Sincerely,


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