



March 21, 2017

Sent via electronic mail

Mr. Eric Detmer
Spring Creek Coal, LLC
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Permit ID: C1979012
Revision Type: Amendment
Permitting Action: Determination
Subject: AM5; Significant Change to Application and Completeness Determination

Dear Eric:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed Spring Creek Coal, LLC's acceptability response dated March 16, 2017, for Amendment AM5. As per ARM 17.24.404, DEQ has determined that Spring Creek Coal Company has made a significant modification to the application by adding a transmission line along the entire length of the proposed transportation corridor. The proposed transmission line was not in the initial application prior to the March 16, 2017, submittal. The addition of a transmission line is considered a significant revision to the application.

When a significant change to the application has occurred, DEQ is required to conduct a new review, including an administrative completeness determination. DEQ has determined that the revised application for Amendment AM5 is administratively complete. Additionally, DEQ had previously determined that an Environmental Impact Statement was necessary for the application and that determination has not changed.

Spring Creek Coal, LLC may initiate the re-publication of the public notice. Please ensure that DEQCoal@mt.gov is copied in the email when the notice is sent to the newspaper.

DEQ will proceed with its acceptability review of the application. Please feel free to contact Robert D. Smith at 406-444-7444 with questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Yde".

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Please see attached electronic correspondence. Have a great day!

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*The best laid schemes o' Mice an' Men,
Gang aft agley ~Robert Burns*