



August 2, 2016

Sent via ePermit system

Gabe Johnson
Spring Creek Coal LLC
PO Box 67
Decker, MT 59025

Permit ID: C1979012
Revision Type: Amendment
Permitting Action: Completeness Determination
Subject: APPAM5; Arrowhead Amendment

Dear Gabe:

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has completed its review of Spring Creek Coal LLC's application for Amendment APPAM5. DEQ has determined that the application for Amendment APPAM5 is administratively complete.

Pursuant to 82-4-231(5), MCA, DEQ has also determined that an environmental impact statement for the application is required.

Spring Creek Coal LLC may initiate the publication of the public notice. Please make the following changes to the public notice prior to publishing.

1. Please ensure that August 2, 2016 is used for the completeness date.
2. Please remove the web address <http://www.deq.mt.gov/ea/coal.mcp> as it no longer exists and replace it with to <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal>.
3. Please include language that the application can be viewed at <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/myCOALPublic/>. Please provide a statement that a computer will be available at the Hardin Library to view the application at <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/myCOALPublic/>.
4. Please ensure that DEQ is copied at DEQCoal@mt.gov when the notice is sent is sent to the newspaper for publication.

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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