

## Coal Section, Montana Department of Environmental Quality Coal and Uranium Prospecting Application Instructions (Updated March 2025)

### Include all of the following in the application:

1. Cover Letter
2. Prospecting Application Form (attached)
  - a. Fill in all blanks and provide a detailed answer for each question. Write “None” or “N/A” (particularly if not applicable due to being a short form) or “See Attachment” if that is the correct answer.
3. Prospecting Monthly/Annual Report Form spreadsheet (attached)
  - a. Fill out the information for Proposed Holes only (first tab)
  - b. Associated Action in Column G should be listed as “New Permit”.
  - c. Submittal date should match the date of the application.
4. Public Notice (attached)
  - a. Public Notice must contain all required information pursuant to ARM 17.24.1001(q). Use attached example to ensure all required information is included.
5. Relevant maps:
  - a. Copies in **both** PDF and CAD

Email complete package to [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov) if under 6MB.

If over 6MB, send package as a Zip File to [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov) through the [State File Transfer Service](#).

### Public Notice instructions:

Upon Completeness Determination, applicant will need to initiate the public notice as follows:

1. Short Form Public Notice
  - a. Pursuant to 82-4-226(8)(e), MCA, upon completeness determination, the applicant shall advertise the approved public notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the permit area **one time** with a **10-day comment period** after date of publication. Be sure to email [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov) the publication information to as well as the affidavit from the newspaper when received per ARM 17.24.1001(q).
2. Long Form Public Notice
  - a. Pursuant to ARM 17.24.1112(a), upon completeness determination, the applicant shall advertise the approved public notice of the application in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the permit area at least **once a week for four consecutive weeks** with a **30-day comment period** after last date of publication. Be sure to email [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov) the publication information to

as well as the affidavit from the newspaper when received per ARM 17.24.1001(q).