

**17.24.303 Legal, Financial, Compliance, and Related Information**

- (1) Each application must contain:
  - (x) a copy of the proposed newspaper advertisement of the application and proof of publication of the notice after it is published as required in ARM 17.24.401(3); and

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**Public Notice**

As required by Rule 17.24.401(3) of the Administrative Rules of Montana, Spring Creek Coal LLC filed with the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) an application for permit transfer of its existing Surface Mining Permit C1979012. The transfer application was determined to be administratively complete on MM-DD-YY. This is the public notice for the permit transfer application from the assignor (Spring Creek Coal LLC, PO Box 67, Decker, MT 59025) to the assignee (Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC, PO Box 0958, Shiprock, NM 87420-0958).

The Spring Creek Mine, located near Decker in Big Horn County, is approximately 30 miles north of Sheridan, Wyoming. The permit area being renewed includes 9,220 acres, lying in all or portions of the following sections:

Sections 13, 14, 15, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 35, and 36 T8S, R39E, MPM;  
Sections 18, 19, 20, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 34, and 35, T8S, R40E, MPM;  
Sections 3, 6, 7, 10, 11, and 15, T9S, R40E, MPM; and  
Sections 1, and 12, T9S, R39E, MPM.

The Spring Creek Mine is contained within areas delineated on the following U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute quadrangle maps:

Pearl School, Decker, and Half Moon Hill

The Spring Creek Mine is accessible from the south via Wyoming State Highway 338 becoming Montana State Highway 314 at the Montana/Wyoming border. An access road to the mine site intercepts Highway 314. The Mine is accessible from the north by the same Montana State Highway. The general location map, accompanying this notice, shows principal access routes as well as other nearby geographic features.

The application is available for inspection at the following locations:

- 1) Montana Department of Environmental Quality, 1218 E 6th Avenue, Helena, MT
- 2) Spring Creek Mine, 2518 Windmill Rd., Decker, MT
- 3) The application can be viewed online at <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal>
- 4) A computer will be available at the Hardin Library to view the application at <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal>

Electronic copies of the application may be requested by visiting the website <http://deq.mt.gov/Public/ea/coal> or by emailing [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov).

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Written comments, objections, or requests for informal conferences on this application may be submitted to the Department of Environmental Quality, Coal Section, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 within 15 days of receipt of the final publication of this notice or by going to <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/publiccomment/>.

The State of Montana, Department of Environmental Quality, makes reasonable accommodations for any known disability that may interfere with a person's ability to participate in the above state governmental proceedings. Persons needing accommodation must notify DEQ with their requests to allow adequate time to make needed arrangements. You may call (406) 444-4970, write to the Coal and Uranium Program, Department of Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620-0901 or email [DEQCoal@mt.gov](mailto:DEQCoal@mt.gov) to make your request known.

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