

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 8  
1595 WYNKOOP STREET  
DENVER, COLORADO 80202-1129

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq; "the Act"),

**Westmoreland Resources, Inc.**

is authorized to discharge mine drainage from 24 outfalls as described in Part 1.2 of this permit associated with the Absaloka Mine South Extension near Hardin, Big Horn County, Montana, on the Crow Indian Reservation

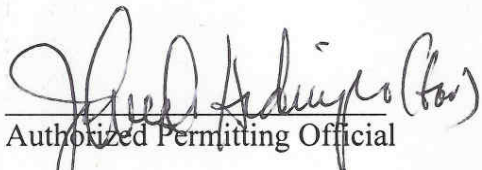
to the Middle Fork of Sarpy Creek and to unnamed ephemeral tributaries of Sarpy Creek,

in accordance with discharge point(s), effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein. Authorization for discharge is limited to those outfalls specifically listed in the permit.

This permit shall become effective May 1, 2009.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, March 31, 2014.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009

  
Authorized Permitting Official

Eddie A. Sierra, Acting Assistant Regional Administrator  
Office of Partnerships and Regulatory Assistance