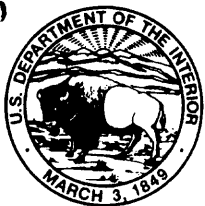


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Dear Mr. Baza,

We have completed our review of your June 27, 2007, informally proposed amendments to Utah Code Annotated (UCA) §40-10-12(1)(c) and Administrative Rule R645-303-222. The amendment to UCA §40-10-12(1)(c) proposes changes relating to permit area extensions. Specifically, area extensions could be made by applying for significant revision of the existing permit, or by applying for another permit.

The amendment to Administrative Rule R645-303-222 proposes the changes outlined in UCA §40-10-12(1)(c). Specifically, area extensions to permit boundaries could be made through significant boundary revisions or by applying for a new permit. In addition, the procedural requirements of R645-303-226 (significant permit revisions) will be used to process and approve any extensions to the approved permit area.

We find the proposed changes to UCA §40-10-12(1)(e) and Administrative Rule R645-303-226 to be consistent with the Federal regulations published under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA). Please note that the Office of the Regional Solicitor has not yet reviewed the informally proposed amendment. We will forward their comments to you if we receive any.

Please contact me at (303)844-1400, extension 1424, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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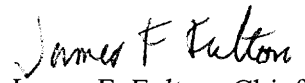
We have completed our review of your June 27, 2007, informally proposed amendments to Utah Code Annotated (UCA) §40-10-10(2)(d)(ii) and §40-10-10(5). The proposed amendment to UCA §40-10-10(2)(d)(ii) adds specificity to the permit application requirements that may be waived in a written determination by the division if they are deemed unnecessary. We find this proposed change to be consistent with Section 507(b)(15) of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA).

The proposed amendment to UCA §40-10-10(5) reinstates a provision that was omitted in Senate Bill 72 in 2002 (SATS No. UT-042-FOR). Including the term "for public inspection" clarifies the purpose of an applicant filing a copy of the application with the county clerk. This is a minor editorial change to a previously approved statute. We find this proposed change to be consistent with Section 507(e) of SMCRA.

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