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Subject: Evaluation of the Utah Coal Regulatory Program

Dear Mr. Sizemore:

Thank you for providing your email response to our October 27, 2009 letter regarding the evaluation process for the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining (DOG M). Your input will help us to evaluate and improve the Utah Coal Regulatory Program.

The Division is interested in receiving input from local governments, especially when there is a new mine permitting action in the area. As you are aware, the Alton Coal Project (Coal Hollow) has recently been approved and could soon become active (although the approval is currently under appeal). We encourage the involvement of the elected officials in your area and strive to keep the lines of communication open. Please contact us with any comments or concerns as they arise.

Thank you once again for commenting on the DOGM evaluation process.

Sincerely,

Daron Haddock
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