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Re: Coal Refuse Removal at Willow Creek Mine, Castle Gate Mine, AMAX Coal Company, ACT/007/004-95B, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Mr. Dykman:

In March, the Division received a proposal from AMAX Coal Company to remove about 450,000 cubic yards of coal refuse from the area of the old Willow Creek Mine, which is the same area where the Abandoned Mine Lands program placed the refuse several years ago. Although removal of the refuse is in preparation for developing a *new* mine, this proposal was submitted as a significant revision to the existing mining and reclamation plan.

An archaeological study of the area documented two groups of features that the consultant doing the study believed were potentially eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. We understand you are familiar with this study and have copies of maps showing where these sites are.

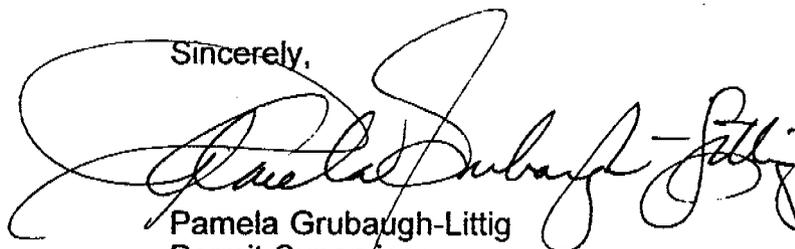
Enclosed is a copy of Exhibit 12-5-1 from the revision proposal which is a map of the proposed surface facilities for the refuse removal project. The Division needs to receive your comments and recommendations about effects this project could have on sites potentially eligible for listing.

AMAX is anxious to begin the project, and we are nearing completion of our review. We would appreciate a response by July 15 if that is possible.

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Thank you for your assistance. Please call Paul Baker or me at 538-5340 if you have any questions or need further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Pamela Grubaugh-Littig', written in black ink.

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

Enclosure
cc: Paul Baker

Exhibit 12-5-1 Facilities Area Map