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TO: Wayne Hedberg, Permit Supervisor
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RE: U. S. Fuel Company, Skyline Mine, Underground Mine Plan
Modification, ACT/007/005, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

Summary

Skyline has proposed to modify their mining sequence (received from Bureau of Land Management, Moab District on November 27, 1987) due to geologic difficulties. In mining the development entries for the 4 and 5 Right panels, a 40 ft. wide igneous dike was encountered, which prevents longwall mining as previously planned.

To maximize the extraction of coal reserves on the north side of the dike, Skyline requests to turn the eastern half of the 6 Right panel in an east-west orientation and mine parallel to the lease boundary.

These changes are consistent with mining practices and will not constitute major changes to the original mine plan or cause and addition adverse effects to the mine area than has already been proposed in the mine plan.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) approved this mining change on November 24 1987.

Recommendation

This modification can be approved with no changes or conditions.

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