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Subject: Request to eliminate sample monitoring points at North Fork Creek - Hiawatha Mine
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Hello Lori,

This email is in response to our conversation earlier today where you had requested how to go about eliminating the water sampling conducted along North Fork Creek. You had indicated that this area has been reclaimed for quite some time now and that monitoring may not be necessary.

As I originally suggested, Hiawatha may submit an amendment requesting the Division to modify the water monitoring plan outlined in the MRP. The Division will then review your request and make a decision based on review of the data and whether or not it appears that the elimination or modification of the existing sampling plan will or will not affect the hydrologic balance. The applicable regulations are addressed under Utah Coal Rules: 645.301.731.214 and 645.301.731.224.

I would suggest that in your submittal you prepare some charts of at least the last two years of data comparing water quality parameters for the upstream, mine area, and downstream results in North Fork for the Division to review. You don't have to do this of course, but the stronger the lines of evidence you can present, the more helpful it would be to make your case.

Thanks Lori, if I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,
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