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Clyde Borrell, Resident Agent
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P.O. Box 139
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Re: Reminder of Vegetation Requirements for Phase III Bond Release, Horse Canyon Mine,
UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., ACT/007/013, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Borrell:

Areas at the Horse Canyon Mine were reclaimed in 1991 and may be eligible for Phase III bond release in 2001. The demonstration for Phase III bond release requires the vegetation success standards identified in the regulations and permit are equaled or exceeded during the growing seasons the last two years of the responsibility period (R645-301-357). Please review the permit requirements for vegetation sampling and make any necessary modifications in advance of the field sampling.

Vegetation sampling must be conducted during the growing season, which at this site is typically late June and early July. The Division requests three months notice of this vegetation sampling so that Susan White, Division biologist, may schedule to be on site during the sampling.

Several suggestions were made in the vegetation findings of the Phase II bond release decision document concerning potential issues for Phase III bond release and is attached for your review.

If you have any comments, please let me know.

Sincerely,

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

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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