

917 Dorine Avenue  
Rohnert Park, CA 94928  
10 October 2002

Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining  
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining  
1594 W. North Temple, Suite 1210  
P.O. Box 145801  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114-5801

*Incarning  
@/007/013*

Reference: the New Permit Application, Lila Canyon Extension, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine C/007/013-PM02B).

Dear Ms Wright:

I wish to thank the Division for recognizing the important geologic, hydrologic, and biologic resources of the Lila Canyon area, and the deficiencies of UtahAmerican Energy's application.

Frankly, the Division should not even bother considering future application submittals until the company has collected adequate biological information and a minimum of two-years of baseline hydrological data for all surface and underground water sources throughout the entire permit area, including the Range Creek drainage. Last but not least, I remind the Division that the area in question is proposed for wilderness designation and is therefore inappropriate for mining development in the first place. Recognizing this simple fact could save the Division a lot of time and trouble in the long run.

Cordially,



Rick Luttmann, Phd

RECEIVED

10/10/02  
DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS AND MINING