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Utah DOGM office clears way to process Lila Canyon permit

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has cleared the way for processing the permit of UtahAmerican Energy Inc. for adding the Lila Canyon extension to the Horse Canyon coal mine.

In a Feb. 25 letter, DOGM associate director for mining Mary Ann Wright notified Utah American that the company's permit application is "administratively complete" and "contains all the information necessary" for public review.

"The technical review and analysis of your plan is now underway," explained the DOGM associate mining director.

Wright pointed out that the division will coordinate with other agencies in reviewing Utah American's proposed five million ton-per-year coal production project.

UtahAmerican submitted the company's application Feb. 11 and supplemented the file at DOGM on Feb. 19.

The company indicated that it will publish a notice of complete application, as required by Utah law, and will make copies available for public inspection at the courthouses in Carbon and Emery County.

Already, the United States Department of the Interior's office of surface mining has approved a provisional right of way for the company's road.

UtahAmerican plans to build a 4.7 mile road from the mine site to a Union Pacific rail line.

Social news, photo deadline is Friday at noon

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