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Re: Lila Canyon Extension to the Horse Canyon Mine permit application.

Emery County welcomes the opportunity to comment on the permit application referred to above. The entire area within the application permit area is within the boundary of Emery County as well as proposed access rights-of-way. We assume every effort was made to correct the erroneous letter dated March 29, 2004 in which it was stated that the permit area was located in Carbon County, Utah.

Emery County supports the issuance of the permit to UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. and wants the Division to contact the County Commission for further information concerning our support should that be necessary. It is important to us that every effort be made to expedite the issuance of this permit. Local economic stimulus is anticipated with the development of this mine but it is also important nationally and regionally that energy producing resources are developed to help lessen our dependence on foreign sources.

Please make us aware of the progress of this permit application.

Regards,

*Ray W. Petersen*