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Subject: Lila Canyon Extension of the Horse Canyon Mine, Utah American Energy, Inc., Horse Canyon Mine, C/007/0013, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The Utah Coal Regulatory Program is in the process of permitting the Lila Canyon extension to the Horse Canyon Mine. This project is located in the Book Cliffs coalfield in Emery County, Utah south of the towns of East Carbon and Sunnyside. The Lila Canyon extension is about 4660 acres, which includes underground coal mining and new surface facilities, (about 42 acres) near the mouth of Lila Canyon. The enclosed map provides the location of the Horse Canyon Mine and Lila Canyon extension area.

Pursuant to 36 CFR 800. (c)(3) a representative of a local government with jurisdiction over the area in which the effects of a federal project may occur, is entitled to participate as a "consulting party". This letter is written to obtain information concerning historical properties located within the Lila Canyon extension area and to identify issues relating to the project's effects on historic properties.

Previous survey results have shown that there are three sites eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. There are two sites within the permit area (42EM2255 and 42EM2256) and are located above the underground mining area. The third site is off the permit area and will not be directly affected. (42EM2517).

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We are now seeking your input regarding the existence of historical properties. We look forward to your input on this project. Please provide your comments to me within 30 days. You may call me at (801) 538-5306 or write me at the address on the letterhead.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director, Mining

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