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Mr. Steven Rigby, Assistant Field Manager
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Subject: Consultation on Abandonment of Longwall Shields, Utah American Energy Inc,
Horse Canyon Mine, C007/0013

Dear Mr. Rigby:

This letter is in response to your June 5, 2018 email, wherein you asked for the Division's recommendation regarding the abandonment of the Longwall Shields at the Lila Canyon/Horse Canyon mine. Abandonment of mining equipment is allowed by Utah Rules if it is done in accordance with the R645- 542.740 rules. The proposed abandonment will be in an area that will not affect stability of the surface facilities or cause issues with vegetation at the surface of the mine. Groundwater is not expected to be affected as the coal seam dips to the North East. The emulsion oil will be removed from the shields as much as possible. The abandonment of steel underground should not present any contamination issues.

The Division's only requirement at this point is that the Company provide an amendment to the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan describing the abandonment of the equipment, with a description of the equipment being abandoned and including a map that shows its final location.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our input to this action. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

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