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September 19, 2007

Mr. Chris Hansen, Environmental Coordinator
Mountain Coal Company, LLC
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, Utah 84526

*Incident #
4/007/0016*

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Subject: Renewal of UPDES Permit UTG040004, Gordon Creek Mines.

The above-referenced Utah Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (UPDES) permit will expire on April 30, 2008.

Pursuant to the Utah Wastewater Disposal Regulations, Part VIII, 8.3.1(4), you must apply for reissuance of the permit not less than 180 days prior to the expiration date. Enclosed is a form letter for you to indicate what action you wish to take. Please return the form and information requested to us as soon as possible, so that we can begin to process your permit for reissuance.

You must also submit a copy of the reissuance form letter to the Environmental Protection Agency at the following address:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ATTN: Qian Zhang (8P2-W-P)
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202-1129

If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-6779.

Sincerely,

Jeff Studenka

Jeff Studenka, Environmental Scientist
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Enclosures

cc: Claron Bjork, SE Health Dept.(w/o Encl.)
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