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December 19, 2007

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

Handwritten signature: J. Studentka
12/19/07

Dear Mr. Hansen:

Subject: Inactivation of Outfall 001 and Non-Renewal Request for UPDES
Permit UTG040004, Gordon Creek Mines.

We have received your inactivation and non-renewal request information dated November 21, 2007 for the above referenced UPDES permit. With the removal of the sedimentation ponds and outfall 001, as described in your letter, the potential to discharge no longer exists. Therefore, outfall 001 has been inactivated and you are no longer required to submit the monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). Since there are no active discharge points remaining in the above referenced UPDES Permit, and the site has been reclaimed with no future plans or potential to discharge, your request for non-renewal is therefore appropriate and the permit coverage will expire on its own accord at midnight on April 30, 2008.

Prior the expiration date, I will be in contact to schedule a site visit and inspection for verification purposes. My initial attempt to verify this on December 5, 2007 was incomplete due to snow cover, however I was able to observe a change in the landscape without the sedimentation ponds. A second attempt will be conducted in the spring.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (801) 538-6779 or by e-mail at jstudentka@utah.gov.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature: Jeff Studentka

Jeff Studentka, Environmental Scientist
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