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Dear Mr. Haddock:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received Andalex Resources' Graves lease tract addition to the Centennial Mine Permit Application Package (PAP) on October 10, 1990. This correspondence provides our comments regarding the PAP and affiliated resource recovery and protection plan.

The Graves tract is Federal coal lease U-66060 which contains 933 acres. Surface ownership is primarily private with the coal reserved to the United States. However, the BLM does manage the surface of the SE1/4, Section 1, and the NE1/4NE1/4, Section 12, T. 13 S., R. 10 E., SLBM.

Underground development of this lease is merely an extension of an existing operation and will not require construction of new surface facilities for access or coal processing. Because the environmental impacts are considered minimal, the BLM has no reclamation requirements related to postmining land uses. Additionally, no portion of the lease was found unsuitable for coal mining.

Deficiencies in the R2P2 were resolved directly with the company and the mine plan is now considered complete and technically adequate. We have determined that the R2P2 is also in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulatory provisions of 43 CFR 3480, Federal lease terms and conditions, and the requirement for achievement of maximum economic recovery of Federal coal. Therefore, we recommend approval of the R2P2 and the inclusion of Federal coal lease U-66060 into the Centennial Mine Permit.

If you have any questions, please contact Steve Falk in our Price Coal Office at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely yours,

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