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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Moab District  
P. O. Box 970  
Moab, Utah 84532

3482  
U-010581  
SL-027304  
SL-063058  
(U-065c)

**CONFIDENTIAL**

Phone call with Gary Johnson on 7/27/92 discussed confidential status of mine change + that this modification could + should be made available to public

JUL 21 1992

CERTIFIED MAIL- RETURN RECEIPT REQUEST  
Certification No. P 757 770 012

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JUL 23 1992

DIVISION OF  
OIL GAS & MINING

Mr. Laine Adair  
Chief Engineer  
Andalex Resources, Inc.  
P. O. Box 902  
Price, Utah 84501

Re: Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2) Modification,  
Aberdeen Mine, Main East Seals

Dear Mr. Adair:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received from Andalex a request to modify the approved R2P2 for the Aberdeen Mine on April 14, 1992. On June 6, 1992, supplemental information was received to further evaluate the request. The affected reserves are located in the Upper A Seam and Lower A Seam on Federal coal leases U-010581, SL-027304 and SL-063058.

The approved R2P2 for the Aberdeen Mine indicated that Andalex would gain access to the Upper A Seam through the Main East section. On May 20, 1992, approval was given to discontinue advancement of the Main East section. Andalex now proposes to seal the Main East entries (Enclosure 1) because ventilating it would result in higher mining costs. These costs include: 1) maintaining approximately 3.5 miles of entries to the standards of Mine Safety and Health Administration; 2) construction of three overcasts through five feet of rock in three intersections; and 3) increasing the volume of air to ventilate this section of the mine.

We agree that sealing Main East will reduce mining costs by eliminating the added ventilation, inspections, maintenance, and roof control in this section. We also conclude that the proposal will not negatively impact the recovery of Federal coal. The possibility of accessing the Upper A Seam through Main East still remains. Furthermore, sealing this section will not significantly affect the good conditions that exist before Andalex attempts to access the Upper A Seam again in 1998.

The BLM has determined that the proposed modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations in 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and conditions, and will achieve

maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal. Therefore, the proposed modification is hereby approved.

If you have any questions, please contact Gary Johnson, Chief, Price Coal Office at (801) 637-4584.

Sincerely,



for Assistant District Manager  
Mineral Resources

Enclosure:

Approved Mine Map (1p)

cc: DM, Moab (U-065) (w/encl.)  
SD, Utah (U-921) (w/encl.)  
x DOGM, Salt Lake City (w/encl.)

**ENCLOSURE 1**

**MINOR MODIFICATION TO  
MINING PLAN APPROVED BY  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Recommended By:

*B. Grosely* 7/21/92  
Mining Engineer (Date)

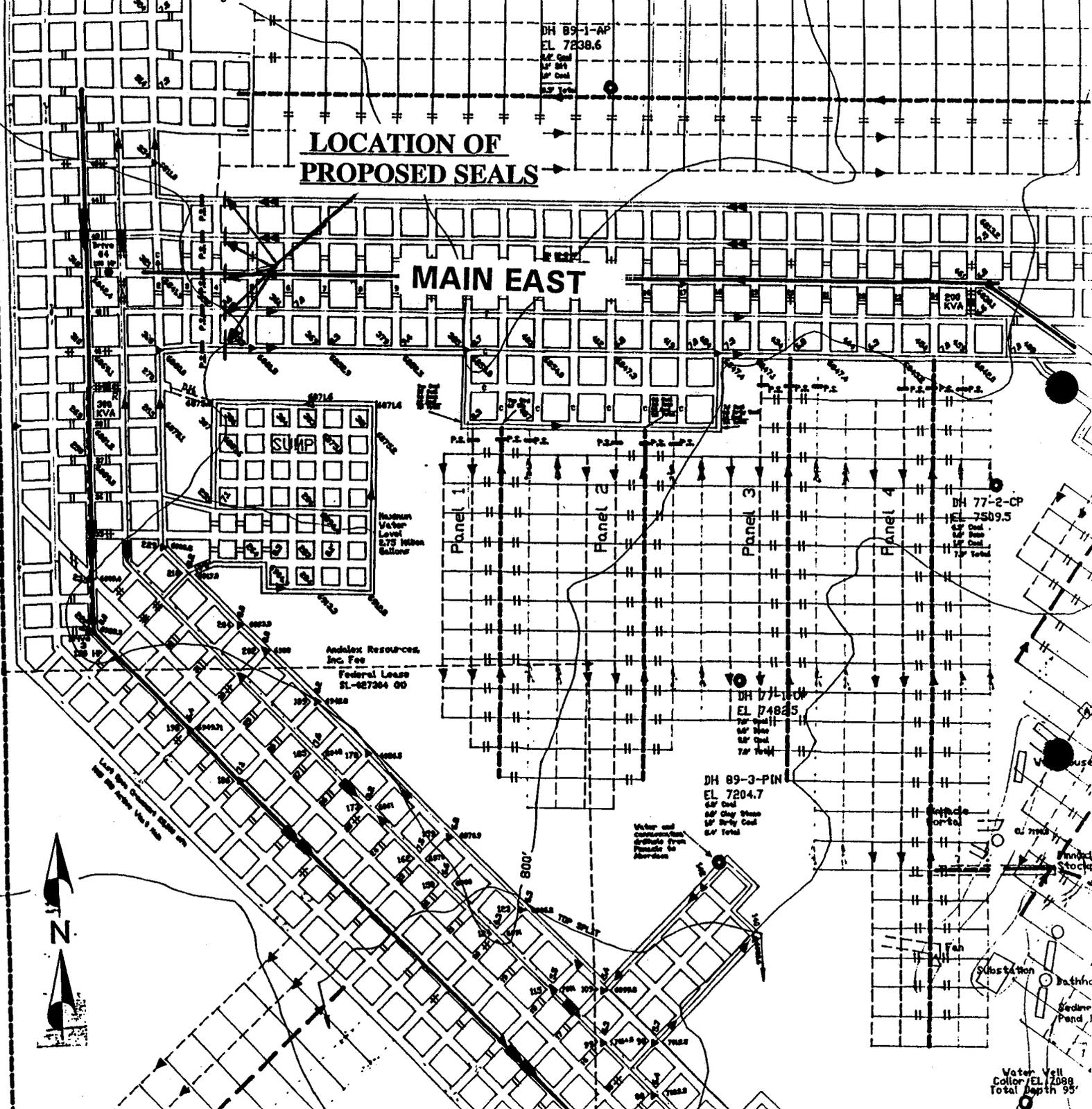
Approved By:

*Gary Johnson* 7/21/92  
Chief, Price Coal Office (Date)

AEP Federal Lease SL04942-050115

**LOCATION OF  
PROPOSED SEALS**

**MAIN EAST**



**ANDALEX**  
RESOURCES, INC.  
Tower Division

**Aberdeen Mine**  
P.O. Box 902  
Price, Utah 84501

Water Vell  
Collector EL 7099  
Total Depth 95'