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Mr. Daron R. Haddock
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State of Utah
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Re: AEP Lease Addition, Andalex Resources, Inc., Centennial Mine, ACT/007/019-92E

Dear Mr. Haddock:

We have received from your office a copy of the subject mining plan that adds Federal coal lease U-69600 to Andalex's mine permit. We were asked to give our recommendations regarding approval of the resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) associated with this new lease. Additionally, as the surface managing agency for portions of the new lease, we were to review the plan for protection of non-coal resources and post-mining land uses of the area proposed for mining.

The R2P2 for the new lease details the mining layout to extract all minable coal of the Centennial seam from existing mine workings. The plan calls for successive sets of development entries to be driven west off the present North Mains entries to the limits of the minable coal in the Centennial seam. Upon reaching the west limits of mining where the seam thins, retreat mining will commence. These sets of panels will continue to the north until all coal is mined out. The R2P2 is a logical extension of the established Centennial seam mine workings and uses standard industry room and pillar mining practices.

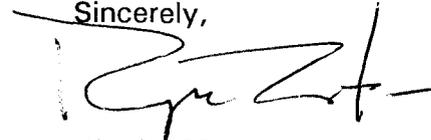
The lease area will be mined from existing underground mine workings, and no surface facilities will be built. We anticipate no surface impacts to occur due to subsidence since in adjacent areas, where Andalex has mined full extraction room and pillar panels, there has been no surface disturbance. Therefore, non-coal resources will not be impacted by this mining plan.

We have determined that the R2P2 for this lease area is complete and technically adequate. The plan is in compliance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, Federal lease terms and conditions, and will achieve maximum economic

recovery of the Federal coal. The area to be mined will not result in any surface impacts and has been designated suitable for underground mining in the current land use plan. Therefore, we recommend approval of the R2P2 and inclusion of Federal coal lease U-69600 to the Centennial Project Mining and Reclamation Plan.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Falk", written over a horizontal line.

District Manager

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