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Subject: SHPO Clearance for GOB Gas Vent Hole, Andalex Resources, Inc.,
Centennial Mine, C/007/0019, Task ID # 2166, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Dykman:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining is currently reviewing the GOB Gas Vent Hole project for the Centennial Mine. The Centennial Mine is in Carbon County, Utah. The proposed drill project area is in Township 12 South, Range 11 East, Section 31 (Refer to Deadman Canyon 7.5 Minute Quadrangle map).

The overall project includes eight drill holes. The Permittee, however, plans to drill one of the hole (GVH #1) in March/April 2005 as an emergency action. The disturbed acreage for this drill hole is approximately 1 acre.

The emergency hole drilled in March will not include ground surveys because of seasonal limitations. However, Senco-Phenix conducted a Class I survey of the area for this action. The Division will require an evaluation sometime this summer for the emergency hole, as requested in your email dated March 16, 2005.

The Division requests concurrence from SHPO with our determination for GVH #1. The following provides pertinent information that may be useful during the consultation process. The Senco-Phenix literature search for the area resulted in the following surveys:

- Nickens and Associates 1984. Sample Oriented Cultural Resource Inventory. Permit number not provided.
- Senco-Phenix 1986. Title or permit number not provided.

After evaluating the Senco-Phenix (2005) Class I survey, the Division considers that the Permittee should not conduct additional surveys for this single hole because:

- GVH #1 is under emergency status.

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- The proposed site is not near sites included in or eligible for inclusion in the NRHP, according to previous surveys of adjacent areas.

The Division makes the determination that the action will have “no effect” on historic resources and the Permittee should receive clearance. Final decision concerning the proposed action comes after the Division receives a response from SHPO.

The Permittee plans to start drilling GVH #1 the week of March 28, 2005. This hole is considered an emergency because of human health safety concerns. Although our office already contacted you on March 16, 2005 for informal comments, we did not have the Senco-Phenix Class I survey report at that time. With this additional information, if you have any other comments concerning this emergency hole, we would appreciate your response as soon as possible. If you have any questions about this project, please call me at (801) 538-5268 or Jerriann Ernstsens at (801) 538-5214.

Sincerely,

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