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Mr. Daron Haddock  
State of Utah  
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RE: Centennial Mine-Gob Vent Hole Right of Entry, Andalex Resources, Inc. C/007/0019

Dear Mr. Haddock

This letter is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining's (the Division) letter dated August 14, 2018, and to the teleconference call between the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Division on August 14, 2018, concerning the Gob Vent Holes at Andalex's Centennial Mine.

It is the BLM's position that any gob vent hole that penetrates non-leased federal coal resources has no authorization from the BLM and the hole is in trespass and must be promptly plugged and abandoned and reclaimed to the Division's reclamation standards. Furthermore, the BLM will not consider granting (if BLM action) or concurring (if Division action) for the holes to be left unplugged for a speculative use in the future.

In conclusion, the BLM supports the Division in their requirement to have the holes promptly plugged and abandoned.

If you have questions, please feel free to call Jeff McKenzie at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Roger L. Bankert". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'R' and 'B'.

Roger L. Bankert  
Chief Branch of Minerals