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Dear Paul,

Per our conversation, Lodestar Energy, Inc., Horizon Mine is requesting permission to use a herbicide on areas within the Disturbed Area Boundary to eliminate a small community of Black Henbane and an over population of sunflowers. The areas to be sprayed include the access road to the old fan (north side of Portal Canyon), old fan pad area (north side of Portal Canyon), the access road to well HZ-95-3 (south side of Portal Canyon) and the outside slope of the sediment pond adjacent to the county road. We would like to spray all the areas but will defer the determination of which areas to your judgement.

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Carbon County weed control was contacted and they have sprayed the Black Henbane plants which were in seed, however they did not spray the smaller plants. Therefore, Horizon wants to eliminate the Black Henbane before it can establish and spray the remaining plants.

Horizon Mine would like to seed in the areas being sprayed for sunflowers with the approved interim seed mix this fall. The ground surface will need to be raked to incorporate the seed. The sunflower population needs to be reduced to make incorporation of the interim seed mix possible.

Should you have any questions concerning the proposed spraying, please contact me at (435)472-0884 or David Miller at (435)637-9200. Thank you for your assistance in this effort.

Sincerely yours,

Vicky S. Miller
 Permitting Coordinator

cc: David Miller, Lodestar Energy, Inc.