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Dear Mr. Haddock:

This letter is to request an extension on the additional information required for Midterm Review Response requested by September 15th. We are requesting an extension because of two areas that need to be discussed with the reviewer and a site visit scheduled with those people to review their comments while looking directly at the concern. Once the site visit occurs, the resulting time will be to complete whatever is decided from the field visit.

The big concerns for requiring outside consultant assistance is on the issue with the topsoil stockpile volume and the high-wall reclamation issue. I am requesting the site visit because I believe that the previous operator used topsoil stored materials to reclaim the east slope and drill access road and the slope to the west including the Castlegate "A" seam portals. There are no high-walls that currently exist on the disturbed area. I have a picture in a photo file kept of the site that shows bulldozer tracks pushing east/west across the topsoil stockpile and the east and west slopes freshly covered with dirt material from that area. I believe the missing material was used for the "contemporaneous" reclamation areas.

We are requesting an extension until October 31st under the assumption the site visit can be scheduled and completed by September 25th.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, feel free to contact me at (435) 448-9455.

Sincerely,

David B. Miller
 Business Manager

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