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Alex Walker, Resident Agent
Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.
57 West 200 South, Suite 400
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Subject: Permit Modification, Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc., Horizon Mine,
C/007/0020, Task ID #4634

Dear Mr. Walker:

The Division has reviewed your application at the Horizon Mine. The Division has identified deficiencies that must be addressed before final approval can be granted. The deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter.

The deficiencies authors are identified so that your staff can communicate directly with that individual should questions arise. The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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Attachment
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Technical Analysis and Findings

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID: C0070020
TaskID: 4634
Mine Name: HORIZON MINE
Title: PERMIT MODIFICATION

Operation Plan

Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan

Deficiencies Details:

There are nine surveys that have not been conducted to date and they are critical to the analyses of the data that has been collected. Absent that data the Division can not make a valid scientific determination to allow for the macroinvertebrate surveys to be discontinued. It is recommended that the application be denied.

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Hydrologic Ground Water Monitoring

Deficiencies Details:

R645-301-731.214 Ground water monitoring should proceed through mining and continue during reclamation. If justification can be provided for each individual monitoring location, demonstrating that the operation has minimized disturbance to the prevailing hydrologic balance in the permit and adjacent areas, and that material damage to these hydrologic systems have not occurred and will no longer be impacted, then reduction of the water monitoring plan can be reviewed and considered.

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Hydro Surface Water Monitoring

Deficiencies Details:

R645-301-731.224 Surface water monitoring should proceed through mining and continue during reclamation. If justification can be provided for each individual monitoring location, demonstrating that the operation has minimized disturbance to the prevailing hydrologic balance in the permit and adjacent areas, and that material damage to these hydrologic systems have not occurred and will no longer be impacted, then reduction of the water monitoring plan can be reviewed and considered.

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