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Subject: Return of Permit Amendment, Task #4866, Hidden Splendor Resources, Inc.  
Horizon Mine, Permit No. C/007/0020, Carbon County, Utah

Dear Ms. Dragoo:

In accordance with R645-303-221, the Division has completed an initial review of the permit amendment application dated April 9, 2015 submitted by your office on behalf of Hidden Splendor Resources, LLC. The Division has determined that the proposed change as submitted cannot be processed as an amendment. Leaving facilities on the site such as stock ponds, parking pads, asphalt roads, drainage control structures (culverts), are considered post-mining land use changes that are not compatible with the pre-mining land use of undeveloped land.

Pursuant to R645-301-414 et. Seq. these changes would constitute a significant alteration from the original land use and must be processed as a significant revision. We encourage you to either resubmit the application as a significant revision including the requirements for public notice, or have Hidden Splendor Resources complete the reclamation of the site according to the currently approved plan.

As the site is currently unattended and there are outstanding performance issues and enforcement actions, time is of the essence. Please provide your response by no later than May 15, 2015. Please call me at (801) 538-5325 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock  
Coal Program Manager

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