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TO: Lowell P. Braxton, Associate Director, Mining

FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor pgl

Re: Current Non-Eligibility for Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP), Blue Blaze Coal Company, Blue Blaze Mine, PRO/007/020, Folder #2, Carbon County, Utah

This memo is for your information regarding why the Blue Blaze Mine is not eligible currently for the Small Operator Assistance Program (SOAP). According to the proposed Operation Plan, Chapter 3, Section 3.3, page 3-7, "the opening of the No. 1 Mine will be first at approximately 220,000 to possibly 360,000 tons per year.

Eligibility for assistance in the SOAP is defined in R614-302-296 and includes the criteria that applicants are eligible if they: "Establish that their total probable total actual and attributed production from all locations during any consecutive 12-month period either during the term of their permit or during the first five years after issuance of their permit, whichever period is shorter, will not exceed 100,000 tons".

This issue has been mentioned several times and I wanted to advise you regarding it.