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Ken A. Rait, Issues Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Rait:

I am responding to your letter of August 2, 1991, requesting Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance's inclusion on a "list of parties interested in the on-going Andalex permit application."

During the permitting process, the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining is responsible for contacting specific state and federal agencies for technical or regulatory input on issues in a permit application that are the responsibility of that agency. This list of required agency contacts, constitutes the list that the Division is maintaining for the Andalex Smokey Hollow application. There is no separate list of interested parties.

When the Division sends the permit or portions thereof to other agencies, that information is public information, and you are welcome to review that information at the Division's office during regular working hours. Copies of any public information may be made at your expense.

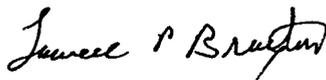
When the Division determines a permit application to be administratively complete, a newspaper advertisement will be published weekly for four consecutive weeks, detailing the applicant's intention of conducting mining and reclamation operations within the specific tract of land. This advertisement will also state where copies of the permit application will be filed for public review. Written public comments on the application may be submitted to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for a period up to 30 days from the last publication date. Any decision or action by the Division may be appealed to the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining in accordance with Utah Code Ann. § 40-10 and the Utah Administrative Procedures Act.

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I hope this clarifies the opportunities for public input during the Division's permit review process under the Utah Coal Regulatory Program.

If you have further questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,



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