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Dear Mr. Hess,

RE: DEGASSIFICATION WELL PERMIT AMENDMENT APPLICATION

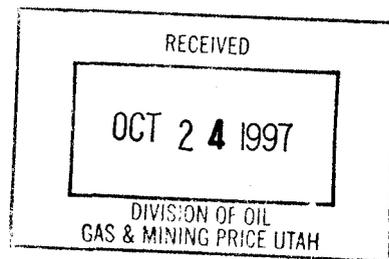
Attached are 5 copies of an application for a permit amendment to install two methane gas degassification wells at the Willow Creek Mine. The amendment also includes revision of the D Seam mine works. The footprint of the mine workings has changed very little from the permitted footprint. There are no changes to any other permit requirement due to the mine layout revision. Subsidence monitoring will be the same as proposed, and there are no water sources that are impacted by the revision. In fact, there are no surface or groundwater sources in the area of the D-Seam mining except for the inundated mine workings below the D Seam.

Application has also been made with the Bureau of Land Management for the degassification wells. The BLM requested the wells to be covered under an existing exploration permit as an amendment.

Concerns about methane accumulation in the longwall gob have made it necessary for this amendment application. Since we are running out of time to access the mountain we request the Division to expedite review and approval of this request.

Respectfully,


 Ben Grimes
 Sr. Staff Project Engineer



Attachment

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