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Karin Odendahl-Madsen, Resident Agent
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East Carbon, Utah 84520-0910

Subject: Seismic Monitoring at Grassy Trail Dam, East Carbon, Utah, West Ridge Mine, C/007/0041

Dear Ms. Odendahl-Madsen:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (the Division) received your letter dated November 18th, 2015. It's our understanding that the West Ridge Mine is requesting that seismic monitoring cease in the vicinity of the Grassy Trail Dam.

The Grassy Trail Dam Monitoring/Inspection Plan Panel Block #18-21 located in Appendix 5-13A of the West Ridge Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) addresses the process for reducing and/or modifying the seismic monitoring and reporting requirements. Specifically it states, "*At such time that the frequency and magnitude of the events diminishes sufficiently, the agencies (Dam Safety, DOGM, BLM, East Carbon City and Sunnyside City) will make a collective consensus determination to reduce, modify, and/or eliminate the various elements of the monitoring program*".

In order to facilitate a consensus among the aforementioned stakeholders, please provide a summary report of the historical and current seismic monitoring activity and data. Additionally, please incorporate into the report an analysis of the subsidence monitoring data that has been collected in the vicinity of and adjacent to Panel #7 as well as Panel Blocks #18-21. The report must provide adequate map/figures in order to readily discern the locations where the seismic and subsidence data was collected.

Once the summary report has been distributed to the stakeholders and reviewed, a meeting will be scheduled to discuss the extent and need of continued seismic monitoring in the vicinity of the Grassy Trail Dam.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5350.

Sincerely,

Steve Christensen
Permit Supervisor

Cc: East Carbon City, BLM, UT Dam Safety

