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Mr. Ryan Wilson, Landman
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Dear Mr. Wilson,

We received your letter regarding the proposed Kinney No. 2 Mine (dated February 11th, 2019). The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGGM) understands your concern with the proposed mining operations potential impact to the Skyline Mines waste rock disposal facility as well as potential truck traffic and public safety issues posed by additional coal trucks utilizing Highway 96. DOGM staff reviewed the Kinney No. 2 Mine's Permit Application Package (PAP) with your concerns in mind. The intent of this letter is to convey to you the design considerations and permitting of the proposed mining operation to address your concerns.

Waste Rock Disposal Facility

Upon completing a thorough review of the proposed mining operations, it was determined that the nearest active coal mining and reclamation activity of the Kinney No. 2 Mine will occur approximately 2,600 linear feet from the Skyline Waste Rock Site. The Permittee cannot advance any closer than this distance due to existing historic mine workings from the historic UP Mine. The UP Mine extracted coal from the UP and Hiawatha Seams just north of the waste rock site. Another consideration is that the permit only allows for first mining only (i.e. no planned subsidence). As a result of these factors, the potential for the proposed coal mining at the Kinney No. 2 mine to impact the Skyline Waste Rock Site is considered minimal.

Additional Truck Traffic/Public Safety

A requirement for permit approval was a consultation with the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT). The Permittee acquired a Conditional Access Permit (CAP) by UDOT to construct two turn lanes/truck entrances to the mine site. The CAP was issued on February 27th, 2019 and is located in Exhibit 4 of the permit application package. A special condition to the permit document requires the construction of the additional turn lanes be completed prior to active coal hauling operations.



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Re: Wolverine Fuels Kinney No. 2 Comments

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. (801) 538-5350
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Christensen", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Christensen
Coal Program Manager