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Re: Swisher Coal Company  
Huntington Canyon #4  
#43-015-004  
Sec. 16, T. 16 S., R. 7 E. SLB&M  
Emery County, Utah

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Swisher Coal Company  
Local Town Officials  
U.S.G.S.  
U.S.F.S.  
B.L.M.  
Div. of Oil, Gas, & Mining (Ron Daniels & Jim Carter)

The land ownership scheme is mixed on this operation, both fee and federal coal are involved and practically all surface facilities are planned to be located on fee acreage. The actual mine is a re-activation of the old Leamaster Mine.

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An interesting comment was made by one official of Huntington City. He wondered if the springs near the mine, which are Huntington's water supply would be effected. Swisher's Geologist thought probably not, but that in any case Swisher would replace water loss to the town. The City Official was interested in the reclamation bond and State requirements for rehabilitation of mined lands.

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