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**UTAH OGM COAL PROGRAM MEETING NOTES**  
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**Date:** March 21, 2007  
**Time:** 10:00 to Noon

**Location:** DNR – Room 1010

**To:** Internal File, Hidden Valley Mine, C/015/0007

**From:** Pamela Grubaugh-Littig *ml*

**Attendees:** Consol Energy ( Jonathan Pachter, John Gefferths, Tim Kirschbaum)  
JBR (Linda Matthews, Karla Knoop, Erick Holt)  
Mt. Nebo Scientific (Patrick Collins)  
Long Resource Consultants (Robert E. Long)  
DOGM (Mary Ann Wright, Steve Christensen, Wayne Western, Karl Houskeeper, Priscilla Burton, Joe Helfrich, Pamela Grubaugh-Littig)

**Purpose:** Overview of Hidden Valley Mine

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**MEETING SUMMARY:**

Tim Kirschbaum gave an overview of the Hidden Valley Project. The major coal exploration application will be resubmitted in late April 2007 (194 acres). The permit application for the proposed Hidden Valley project will be submitted in late 2007 or early 2008 (on fee and SITLA land). (Fee (Hidden Valley Trust) – 960 acres and Consol fee – 480 acres, SITLA 1120 acres for a total of 2560 acres.) There was some question if the SITLA coal was part of the exchange and was verified by a communication with Pamela Grubaugh-Littig on March 22, 2007 and Tom Faddies (SITLA), that the 1120 acres were not part of the 1998 exchange tracts with BLM.

Mining will be in the A Seam, room and pillar full extraction with a five foot cutoff. Consol is anticipating submittal of the LBA for the Walker Flat Tract, the federal coal is anticipated to be longwalled.

JBR is preparing the permit application. Montgomery is doing the archeology. Norwest is working on the air quality notice of intent.

Some questions arose about the requirements for sensitive and threated and endangered species. Mary Ann stated that a “reconnaissance” survey for likelihood of habitat and species should be done. Questions will be addressed by species (plants and animals), i.e. “resource questions by species”. Consol would like to do this survey in spring 2007.

The ephemeral vs. intermittent stream was discussed shortly and mentioned that the Board will entertain this petition t the March 28, 2007 Board Hearing.

Water is an issue at Hidden Valley. During the 2006 drilling lots of water was encountered below the coal seam, which for mining may lead to problems. Twelve new additional monitoring wells may be installed in 2008.

**PROPOSED ACTION ITEMS:**

Consol introduced the consultants who will work on the MRP. Submittals will be forthcoming. At a meeting later in the day, it was recommended that Jonathan Pachter call Mary Ann Wright to advise her of concerns.

The overview of the Hidden Valley Mine should be presented to the Division Director, John Baza at some time in the near future.

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