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UTU-73335 (LMU)  
U-5287, U-50044  
(UT-923)

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Mr. Brent Dodrill  
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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

RE: Minor Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), Emery Mine

Dear Mr. Dodrill:

**Background:** On February 27, 2007, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received a Consolidation Coal Company written request for an R2P2 modification involving the Emery Mine. Consol verbally requested panel layout and timing changes to mining on Federal leases U-5287 and U-50044 previous to their February 27th submittal. A verbal approval of this R2P2 modification was issued on October 5, 2006 by BLM inspector Steve Rigby.

**Affected Leases & LMUs:** The following Federal coal leases are affected by this action: U-5286 and U-50044. The Logical Mining Unit (LMU) UTU-73335 is also affected by this action.

**Proposal:** Consolidation Coal Company is requesting written approval for the addition of 6 entries in Panel 6 West, the addition of 4 entries in Panel 4 West, the omission of Panel 5 West, the addition of a mining area at the end of Panel 14 West, and corrected remaining Federal recoverable coal reserve projections that account for the proposed modifications to the bleeders and panels. These proposed changes slowed the advance of mining.

**Inspection:** The mine was inspected on October 5, 2006, January 23, 2007, and May 10, 2007. The timing and layout of mining were being modified as planned.

**Approval:** The BLM approves the subject R2P2 modification. This and other forthcoming modifications enable Consol to continue to produce coal until their mine permit is approved. Copies of the approved mine maps are included as Enclosures 1, 2, and 3. The recoverable coal reserve bases on these leases and the LMU will not be modified until a later date, as discussed below.

**Maximum Economic Recovery (MER):** This modification does not negatively affect MER, and will result in a slight increase in coal recovery due to the widening of two continuous miner panels to account for the removal of Panel 5 West, and due to the lengthening of Panel 14 West.

**Recoverable Reserve Bases:** The BLM received Consol's projected remaining recoverable coal reserves for Federal coal leases U-5287 and U-50044. The recoverable reserve bases for these leases will be revised after further evaluation. The recoverable reserve base of Consol's LMU (UTU-73335) will be reported with an upcoming LMU modification approval letter.

**National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):** This approval of a minor modification to an approved R2P2 of an existing underground coal mine is Categorically Excluded (CX) from NEPA analysis, as explained in the Department Manual (5 DM Part 516 11.5 (F) (8)).

The BLM has determined that this modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43CFR 3480, and the lease terms and conditions. If you have any questions, please contact Steve Rigby of the Price Field Office at (435) 636-3604.

Sincerely,

JAMES F KOHLER

James F. Kohler  
Chief, Solid Minerals

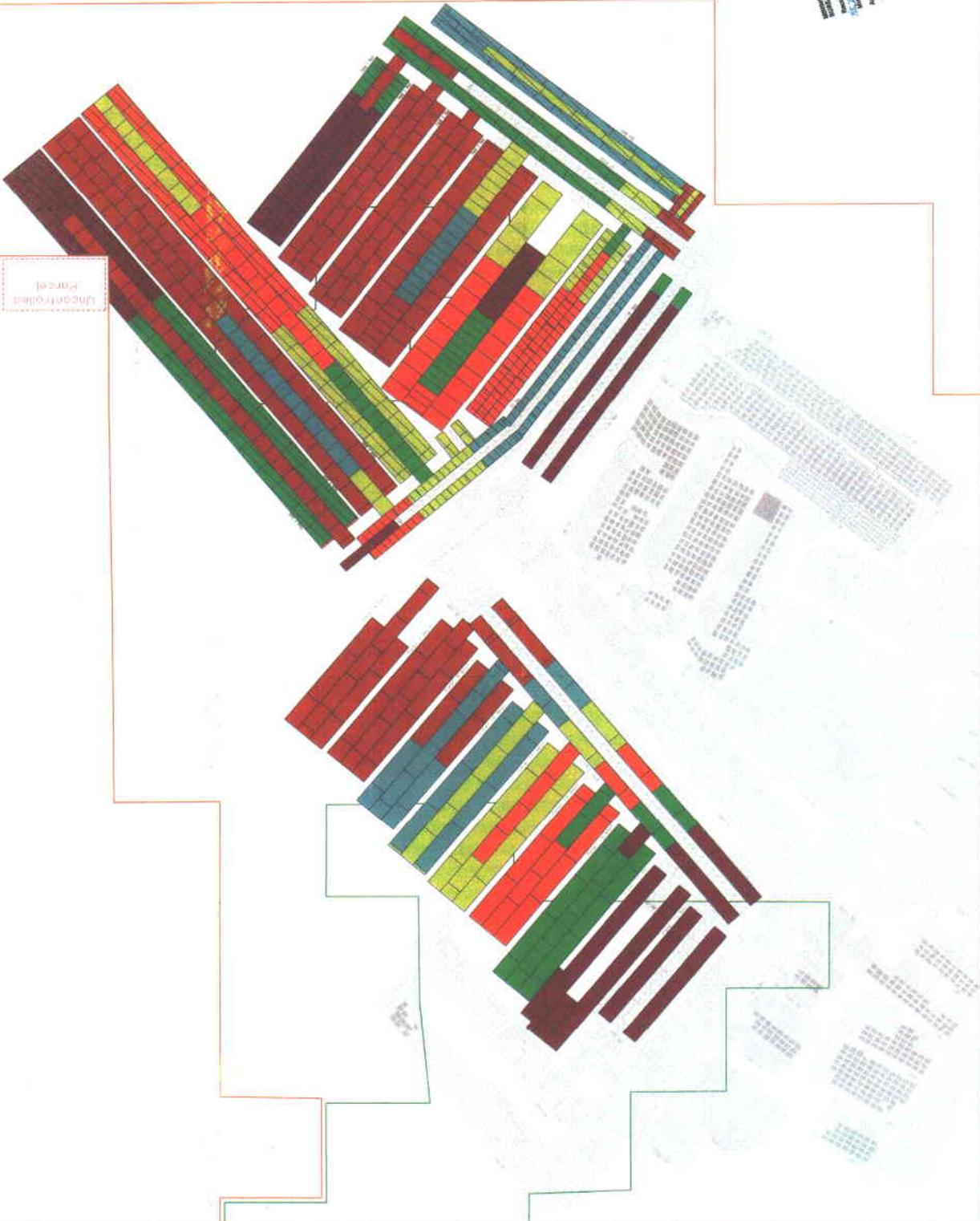
Enclosures:

- 1) Approved Mine Timing Map
- 2) Approved Bleeder Design Map
- 3) Approved Panel 14 West Addition Map

cc: UT-070, Price Field Office (w/ Enclosures 1 - 3)

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**LEGEND**

-  LMU UTU-73335 BOUNDARY
-  FEDERAL LEASE U-5287
-  FEDERAL LEASE U-50044

Retreat Timing  
Development Timing  
Retreat Timing

-  2007
-  2008
-  2009
-  2010
-  2011
-  2012-2016
-  2017-2022



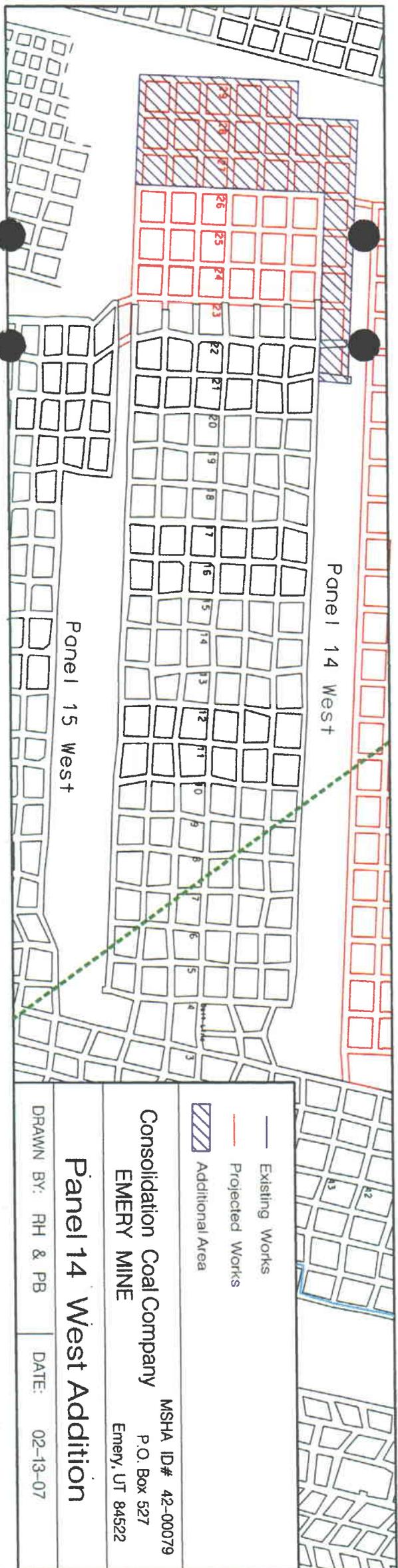
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<p>— Existing Works</p> <p>— Projected Works</p> <p>▨ Additional Area</p>	
<p>MSHA ID# 42-00079</p> <p>Consolidation Coal Company</p> <p>P.O. Box 527</p> <p>EMERY MINE Emery, UT 84522</p>	
<p><b>Panel 14 West Addition</b></p>	
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**MINING PLAN APPROVED BY  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT**

Recommended By: *[Signature]*  
Mining Engineer (Date) *5 July 2007*

Approved By: *[Signature]*  
Manager (Date)