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Mr. Rodney Ford
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Re: Emery Deep Mine Shutdown, Emery Utah

Dear Mr. Ford:

Recent press releases indicate Consol Energy's Emery Deep Mine may begin laying off employees and closing the mine the first week of December. Because the mine contains three federal coal leases with unmined economic coal reserves, the BLM is requesting the following information be submitted prior to December 1, 2010 or prior to the commencement of operations to close the mine whichever is the earliest date pursuant to 43 CFR 3482.2:

1. Consol Energy Inc. plan of operation to adequately protect the unmined federal coal reserves by either sealing the mine or by leaving it unsealed and accessible.

- If the mine is to be sealed-
 - Equipment removal schedule
 - CERCLA compliance for abandoned federal leases
 - Location and design of required seals
 - Timeframe to complete the sealing operations

- If the mine is to remain unsealed-
 - Maintenance schedule
 - Fan operating status
 - Pump operating status
 - List of equipment and location of all equipment left underground

2. An updated mine map (updated as of November 15, 2010) including projected development up to the date of mine closure.

