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Utah Coal Regulatory Program

April 26, 2010

TO: Internal File

THRU: Steve Christensen, Team Lead SKC

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RE: Add Zero Zero North Wedge Area, Consolidation Coal Company, Emery Deep Mine, C/015/0015, Task ID #3527

SUMMARY:

On April 6, 2010, the Division received an application from Consolidation Coal Company to add additional 14 acres (adjacent area) to the Emery Deep Mine permit (C/015/0015). Consol plans to increase the resource recovery by mining additional coal on the northeast boundary of the mining area. This is an extension of the Zero Zero North panel.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

GENERAL CONTENTS

LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND STATUS OF UNSUITABILITY CLAIMS

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR 778.16; 30 CFR 779.12(a); 30 CFR 779.24(a)(b)(c); R645-300-121.120; R645-301-112.800; R645-300-141; R645-301-115.

Analysis:

The Permittee submitted a revised page 8 to Chapter 1 of the MRP to update the adjacent area from 5,762 acres to 5,776 – an increase of 14 acres. The approved permitted area is listed as 442.5 acres and the actual disturbed area/bonded area is listed as 248.5 acres. As the proposed expansion of the proposed Zero Zero North Wedge will not require additional surface disturbance, the disturbed/bonded area does not need to be revised.

Findings:

The application meets the Legal Description and Status of Unsuitability Claim requirements of the State of Utah R645-Coal Mining Rules.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

This amendment is recommended for approval.