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Dear Rick:

Recently, Utah Power and Light Company (UP&L) suspended operations at the Des-Bee-Dove Mine. The news media stated that this would be a long-term layoff and a few people would be retained for maintenance.

Current activities at the mine have created some concern. Utah Power and Light Company has removed all equipment from the mine, except for the belt system, and is now sealing the portals.

It appears that UP&L is entering the shut-down and permanent reclamation phase of operations. We have not received any formal notification as to the status of the operations or UP&L's intentions regarding the future of operations from OSM, UDOGM nor UP&L.

Please inform us as to the official status of the mine and any notifications and/or M&RP amendments or modifications submitted by UP&L regarding the mine closure.

In order for reclamation to be successful, operations must be a cooperative effort involving the company and all responsible agencies. A thorough review of the reclamation plan, prior to commencement of reclamation operations, and coordinated efforts to resolve any problems encountered during reclamation operations would be necessary to assure successful recovery of the disturbed areas.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Boley

for
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