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TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor

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RE: Approval of Plan for Incomplete Elimination of Highwall, Utah Power and Light Company, Des-Bee-Dove Mine, ACT/015/017, Folder #3, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis

In June 1990, the Division performed an Initial Completeness Review of the Des-Bee-Dove Mine Plan for the mine's Five-Year Permit Renewal.

The reclamation plan proposes that several feet of the highwall above the Beehive/Little Dove Portal be left exposed during final reclamation. The reason given for leaving part of the highwall is that the upper part of the highwall consists of outcrops of solid sandstone. Thus, nothing would be gained by piling unconsolidated fill material against an outcrop of solid rock.

Analysis

R614-301-553.600 states that highwalls may be retained if approval is obtained from the Division.

The writer of this memorandum is satisfied with the plan to retain the upper part of the highwall. Indeed, nothing would be gained by restoring the slope to its original contour. In addition, the residual highwall would be compatible with the character of the surrounding area, as required by R614-301-600.

Recommendations

It is hereby recommended that the Division approve the plan for incomplete elimination of the highwall above the Beehive/Little Dove Portal area.

JK/djh
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