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Mr. James Fulton, Division Chief
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Subject: Nomination of Energy West Mining Company for the OSM Surface Coal Mining Reclamation Award

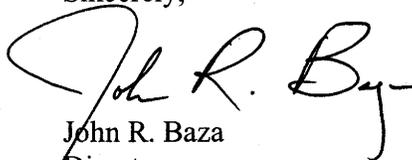
Dear Mr. Fulton:

Please find enclosed copies of the Reclamation Award nomination submitted by Energy West Mining Company for the Des-Bee- Dove Mining complex. After review of the nomination, we recommend that it go forward for judging. The nomination is well organized and meets the criteria outlined in the nomination procedure.

Energy West Mining is certainly deserving of an award. They have done an exemplary job in the innovative use of soil science and reclamation construction techniques to achieve reclamation of the Des-Bee Dove mine site. So much so that in 2006, this site was nominated and received an Earth Day award given by the Utah Board of Oil, Gas & Mining. Energy West Mining has been able to develop soil resources and recover soil resources from an area that had been disturbed many decades before SMCRA was enacted and before any requirement to salvage soil resources. Given the mining history, the extremely steep topography and the harsh conditions, the company did a fantastic job in completing the reclamation of this site.

The Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining supports the nomination of Energy West Mining Company for the OSM Surface Coal Mining Reclamation National Award and Best-of-the-Best Award.

Sincerely,


John R. Baza
Director

Enclosures
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