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Mr. Val Payne
Senior Environmental Engineer
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Re: Rilda Canyon Lease Extension, Deer Creek Mine, PacifiCorp, ACT/015/018-94A, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Payne:

The Rilda Canyon Lease Extension was submitted to the Division and has been transmitted to appropriate federal and state agencies for comments. This permitting action has been determined to be a significant revision to the Deer Creek Mine permit.

The Division has been notified by the Manti La Sal Forest Service that this proposal will require NEPA documentation, probably an Environmental Assessment, to be prepared by the Forest Service with the Bureau of Land Management and the Division as cooperating agencies. However, the NEPA process cannot begin until there is a full proposal, i.e. the proposal for the surface facilities in conjunction with the underground lease extension (as mentioned on proposed page 3-7 of the submittal). This NEPA process will take at least five and a half months.

If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pamela Grubaugh-Littig".

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

cc: Lowell Braxton
Walt Nowak, Manti La Sal FS

