

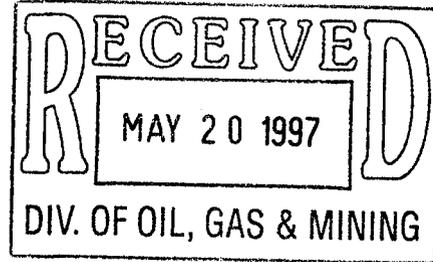


REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
U.S. ARMY ENGINEER DISTRICT, SACRAMENTO
CORPS OF ENGINEERS
1325 J STREET
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95814-2922

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Regulatory Branch (199750274) (NPR)



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Dear Ms. Wright:

This is in regard to the proposed addition of the North Rilda Lease Area to the Deer Creek Mine located in Emery County, Utah, Wasatch Plateau Coal Field.

The project has been reviewed in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act under which the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regulates the discharge of dredged and fill material and excavation in waters of the United States including wetlands. Based on the information provided, it appears the project will not involve surface disturbances. Therefore, a Department of the Army permit will not be required for the above-mentioned work.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Jaime White at our Utah Regulatory Office, 1403 South 600 West, Suite A, Bountiful, Utah 84010, telephone (801) 295-8380.

Sincerely,
Michael A. Schwinn

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Chief, Utah Regulatory Office