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Chuck Semborski, Environmental Supervisor
Energy West Mining
P.O. Box 310
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Re: Permit Area Equals Bonded Area, PacifiCorp, Trail Mountain Mine, ACT/015/009,
Des-Bee-Dove Mine, ACT/015/017, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/015/018,
Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine, ACT/0015/019, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Semborski:

The Division's interpretation of the coal rules concerning bonding of a coal permit is that the bonded area is equal to the entire permit area. This issue has been raised in light of the permit renewal for the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine and PacifiCorp is being asked to amend its bond documents to reflect this.

Additionally, PacifiCorp is being requested to update Exhibit A for each permitted mine.

If PacifiCorp wishes to appeal this policy, they may do so by filing a Request for Agency Action before the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining by the 10th of December. To do so, please contact Vicki Bailey at 801-538-5327. If you have any other questions, please call me at 801-538-5306.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Ann Wright".

Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director, Mining

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Enclosure: Exhibit A

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