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Utah Coal Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining
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Attn: Steve Demczak

Re: Requesting Information on the Status of Submitted Amendments for the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine (C/015/019), Deer Creek Mine (C/015/018), and Trail Mountain Mine (C/015/009).

I am requesting the status of the submitted amendments listed below. Some of these amendments have been pending for some time. Please submit this letter to your supervisor or the inspector responsible of the respective mine. Your immediate attention to this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine

- Waste Rock Site Right of Way: Clean copies were submitted April 16, 2001 which included Legal and Financial Information.

- Cottonwood/Wilberg mine discharge relocation amendment, submitted May 21, 2001. The amendment is associated with the relocation of the mine discharge in Grimes Wash to the Trail Mountain Mine Access in Cottonwood Canyon.

Deer Creek Mine

- Permit Renewal, deficiencies to this renewal was submitted February 14, 2001. Permit renewal included a revised Legal and Financial Section and permit description. A signed permit was submitted back to the Division on February 16, 2001. No word on this submittal has been heard since.

- Revision to Volume 11, submitted May 2, 2001. Amendment attempts to revise vehicle use stipulations to the daily load restrictions at the Rilda Canyon portals.

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- Amendment to update Rilda surface facility map (Plate 3-9) to include a lift station on the fan pad. This amendment is needed since long wall machinery will be transported into the mine via these portals. Amendment was submitted May 14, 2001. Amendment also included clean copy submittal of highwall location on Plates 4-1A and 4-4a, 1of 2 and 2of 2.

Des Bee Dove Mine

- Asphalt issue. The issue was originally between Energy West and the Forest Service since the area at issue is on FS land. The FS concluded that it was the responsibility of the Div. of Solid and Hazardous Waste that was keeping us from burying the asphalt on the bathhouse pad. We went to this Division and received a variance to bury the asphalt. The FS then came back and said that FS policy on asphalt landfilling overruled the Division's variance. The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining then took on this issue with the FS. No official outcome of the Division's efforts have been received at our office. As the coal removal project at the mine continues, space to put spoil material is becoming a problem.

Trail Mountain Mine

- Revision of Volume 2, Chapter 3. This amendment was submitted May 8, 2001. Chapter 3 was revised to reflect current conditions at the mine.

Miscellaneous

- Volume 9, submitted deficiency responses May 23, 2001. Amendment attempts to update revise water monitoring plans.

Sincerely,

Dennis Oakley
Environmental Engineer