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Chuck Semborski, Environmental Supervisor
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Re: Permit Area Reduction - BLM Did Not Concur, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine,
C/015/018-AM02B, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Semborski:

This application for permit area reduction has been under review for some time. The Division recently received the BLM comments about this and does not concur with the recommended boundary change (see attached).

Your response to the BLM deficiency will be required prior to approval. If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5268.

Sincerely,

Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
Permit Supervisor

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Enclosure

cc: Pat Gubbins, BLM, PFO
James Kohler, BLM, State Office
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Re: Permit Area Reduction, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/018-AM02B

Dear Ms. Wright:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is responding to your request for comment and concurrence with the referenced amendment to the Deer Creek Mine Permit Application Area. After reviewing the proposed amendment, BLM has discovered that the proposed southern permit boundary isolates and wastes a block of coal in the Cottonwood mine on Federal Coal Lease UTU-47948, T17S, R 7 E. portions of Sec 27 and 28, (Hiawatha coal seam) that lies south of the proposed permit boundary line. This block of coal remains in the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2). BLM requires that this coal will be mined according to the approved plan. This proposed amendment changes the permit boundary and would create a conflict between the Federal Mine Plan and the R2P2. Because of this issue BLM cannot concur with the recommended permit boundary change.

Enclosed is a map that BLM created that shows the approximate location of the block of coal that is in question.

If you have any comments or questions, please feel free to contact Mr. Stan Perkes at (801) 539-4036.

Sincerely,
James F. Kohler
James F. Kohler
Chief, Solid Minerals Branch

Enclosure
Map
cc: Price Field Office

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