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COMMENTS: 2004 MILL FORK EXPLORATION - REQUEST ARCHEOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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## SENCO-PHENIX

December 8, 2003

Mr. Bruce Ellis  
Manti-La Sal National Forest  
599 West Price River Drive  
Price, Utah 84501

Re: 2004, Energy West Coal Exploration Drill Holes.

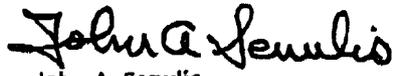
Dear Bruce,

Energy West is proposing four new drill holes for their 2004 drilling program. The new holes are in the same general area that SENCOPHENIX surveyed in 2002 (02-286, August 3, 2002) and where the 2003 holes were drilled without an archeological surface survey for the reasons given below. The new holes are in more rugged uplands on steeper slopes than the 2002 and 2003 drill holes. We feel that no additional Class III walkover survey will be necessary to protect cultural resources for the following reasons:

- While 2002 survey reported on eight 200 x 200 drill holes (one acre each), the actual walking involved in that survey was approximately 10 miles. No cultural resources were observed during that walk. There were numerous springs in the walkover, none of which showed any sign of use or habitation. Furthermore, the new drill holes are on steep slopes with shallow soils, which are not conducive to human habitation.
- The drilling program for the four new holes will result in minimal surface disturbance. The actual project area will be 40 x 40 feet although the drill rig will occupy an area of less than 10 x 10 feet. The only real ground disturbance will be from the 3 inch drilling bit. No access roads or other external ground disturbance will result from the program.
- An archeological file search was performed on October 7, 2003, for an area of one mile around the four new drill sites at the Manti LaSal Forest Service office in Price. No evidence of historic human activity was discovered near any of the four proposed holes. In our survey report of 2002 SENCOPHENIX recommended:
  - "The majority of the drill locations are in remote locations on steep, virtually inaccessible, terrain. Furthermore the actual impact area is only 10 by 10 feet with actual ground impact limited to the 3" drill bit. Prior to 2001 no cultural resource surveys were required for the Energy West drilling program. It is recommended that the Manti-La Sal Forest Supervisor in consultation with the Utah SHPO develop a program that would eliminate further surveys for the Energy West drilling program. An exception would occur if a file search determines that the proposed drill areas have any probability of containing significant cultural resources."

Because of the reasons listed above, and the inhospitable terrain, we feel that the requirement for a class III walkover cultural resource survey should be waived and that future projects be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

Sincerely,



John A. Senulis  
Principal Investigator

Cc: Semborski, Energy West.

## UTAH SHPO COVER SHEET

**Project Name: 2004, Energy West Coal Exploration Drill Holes.**

**Energy West Mining Company**

**State #U03SC0840f**

**Report Date: December 8, 2003**

**Principal Investigator: John A. Senullis**

**Field Supervisor: John A. Senullis**

**Acreage Surveyed: 0 acres**

**Intensive Acres: 0**

**Recon/Intuitive Acres: 4**

**U.S.G.S. 7.5 Quad: Rilda Canyon, Utah (1976)**

Sites Reported	Number	Smithsonian Site #(s):
Archeological Sites:	0	
Revisit (No IMACS update)	0	
Revisit (IMACS update attch.)	0	
New Sites (IMACS attached)	0	
Archeological Site Total:	0	
Historic Structures:		
(USHS Site Form Attached)		
<b>Total NRHP Eligible Sites,</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Checklist of Required Items:**

1. X 1 Copy of Final Report
2. X Copy of U.S.G.S. 7.5' map showing surveyed/excavated area
3. Completed IMACS Site Inventory Forms Including
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Parts A and B or C
  - \_\_\_\_\_ IMACS Encoding Form
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Site Sketch Map
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Photographs
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Copy of USGS 7.5' Quad with Smithsonian site Number
4. X Completed Cover Sheet