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Re: Deer Creek Mine Closure – North Rilda Portal Solid Concrete Seals

Dear Ms. Dean:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the PacifiCorp proposed North Rilda solid concrete seals combined with surface backfilling. This will provide the needed protection of the Federal coal resource, at least in the short term. However, should the water in the sealed mine workings reach the solid concrete seals, it could become necessary to remove the water build-up to ensure seal integrity or for other needs. The BLM requests the Utah, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) consider requiring PacifiCorp to install pipes, of sufficient diameter with P-traps, through the seals and to the surface at the portals. If necessary, the pipes can be capped and covered with concealing earth or contained in locked boxes at the ground surface.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

Roger Bankert
Chief, Branch of Minerals

cc: BLM Price Field Office (UTG02)

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