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DIV. OF OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: Deer Creek Mine ID No. 42-00121

Dear Mr. Riley:

We have received your letter of September 8, 2015, sent to Karl Brooks. The letter was referred to the Regional Administrator, Mr. Shaun L. McGrath, who has asked me to respond. Any future correspondence on this matter should be addressed to me for a more timely response.

We appreciate your analysis of the Deer Creek Mine issues and recommend you communicate with the appropriate Utah state agencies. The EPA Region 8 will support the activities of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality as it consults with the Bureau of Land Management and the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining in finding a sustainable solution to this mine closure.

Sincerely,

Martin Hestmark
Assistant Regional Administrator
Office of Ecosystems Protection
and Remediation

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