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August 30, 2018

Kenneth S. Fleck, Manager of Geology and Environmental Affairs  
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P.O. Box 310  
Huntington, Utah 84528

Subject: Conditional Approval to Remove Live Plantings, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, C/015/0018, Task #5736

Dear Mr. Fleck:

The above-referenced amendment is approved conditioned upon receipt of 2 clean copies prepared for incorporation. Please submit these copies by September 28, 2018. Once we receive these copies, final approval will be granted.

A stamped incorporated copy of the approved plans will also be returned to you at that time, for insertion into your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron R. Haddock".

Daron R. Haddock  
Coal Program Manager

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## Technical Analysis and Findings

### Utah Coal Regulatory Program

**PID:** C0150018  
**TaskID:** 5736  
**Mine Name:** DEER CREEK MINE  
**Title:** REMOVE LIVE PLANTINGS

#### Reclamation Plan

##### Revegetation General Requirements

###### *Analysis:*

The amendment meets the State of Utah R645-301-356 requirements for general revegetation. The amendment proposes removing live containerized tree plantings from the White Fir/Aspen seed mix for Rilda Canyon reclamation. The Division biologist concurs with the company's assertion that success rates for these live plantings are likely to be very low and that this likely low success rate does not justify the expense and labor required to plant live trees in this area.

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