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TO: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Permit Supervisor

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RE: 1991 East Mountain Exploration Application, Drill Hole EM-66, Removal of Less than 250 Tons of Coal, PacifiCorp Electric Operations, Cottonwood Mine, ACT/015/019, Folder #2, Emery County, Utah

Synopsis and Analysis

Drill Hole EM-66 was originally proposed and approved as part of a 1984 drilling program. The hole was never drilled. PacifiCorp has resubmitted the application, updated as required. The surface ownership at the proposed location is PacifiCorp and is within the Cottonwood Mine permit area. The subsurface owner is the United States.

PacifiCorp has addressed all of the R614 Coal Mining Rules under the requirement of R614-201-200 "Minor Coal Exploration Permits". Name and address of the applicant is on page 1. The exploration area is described on page 1 and shown on a map. Page 6 describes the duration of drilling, which is to be completed and reclaimed in 1991. Pages 2 through 7 describe the methods of drilling and reclamation of the drill hole and pad. Disturbance is expected to be less than one acre. No roads are to be built.

Recommendation

The drill application can be approved. The applicant should be reminded to notify the Division upon commencement and completion of the hole.

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