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Mr. Steve Christensen  
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**Re: Phase II / III Bond Release Application, Task #6083; PacifiCorp; Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine, Leach Field Area; C/015/0019**

Dear Mr. Christensen:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) receipt and review of the Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's (DOGM) subject Decision Document dated May 11, 2020. Under Task #6083 PacifiCorp requests Phase II and III bond release on 3.70 acres at the Cottonwood / Wilberg Mine, Leach Field Area. DOGM notes PacifiCorp's compliance with the approved Utah regulatory program at R645-301-880 *et seq* and recommends authorizing Phase II and III bond release on the Leach Field Area as requested.

DOGM conducted a field inspection of the Leach Field Area on March 24, 2020; no issues were noted. OSMRE was unable to attend the inspection. Surface ownership of the subject parcel is federal. Accordingly, the Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office (PFO) conducted its own field inspection on March 25, 2020. By letter dated March 26, 2020 the PFO expressed satisfaction with reclamation of the Leach Field Area. We interpret this to mean that PacifiCorp is in compliance with all applicable lease stipulations. PacifiCorp requests, and DOGM proposes to grant, reclamation liability release only and no reduction in the current bond amount of \$977,232. In accordance with 30 CFR § 740.15 (d)(3) and 30 CFR § 944.30, Article IX, Section B of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement, OSMRE provides its concurrence with this action.

Please direct any questions to Tom Medlin, Environmental Protection Specialist, at [tmedlin@osmre.gov](mailto:tmedlin@osmre.gov).

Sincerely,

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C: PacifiCorp