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To: Peter Rutledge
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Subject: Bear Canyon Mine Incidental Boundary Change (IBC) Request - C/015/0025
Attachments: 5-1C.pdf

CC: Carl Johnston; Mary Ann Wright; Ranvir Singh

Dear Mr. Rutledge,

On May 2, 2007, the Division received a verbal inquiry from Mark Reynolds of Co-Op Mining Company. Mr. Reynolds asked if they could submit an IBC for their approved Bear Canyon Mine permit to 1st mine (developmental mining only) through a very small portion (approximately 1 + 1/2 acres) of unpermitted fee coal (with Forest Service surface). The approximate location of the IBC is within the SW corner of the NW/4 NW/4 of Section 19, T16S, R8E, SLBM. Developmental mining is projected from an approved federal lease UTU-38727 to proceed through the corner of the fee coal and back onto the same approved federal lease once again. The Division has consulted with the Forest Service (Manti - La Sal National Forest) regarding this verbal proposal. We have received preliminary confirmation that it would be categorized as an insignificant change/amendment to the mine plan that would not cause any impact to federal surface (i.e., no subsidence), therefore their office would likely have no concern or comment on the proposal.

Co-Op has been advised accordingly and Mr. Reynolds is in the process of preparing the IBC application that should be forwarded by tomorrow (5/08/07) for our consideration. Once we receive this application, we will forward it to your office for your determination as to whether or not the action would constitute a Mining Plan Modification. We have attached a preliminary map received from the permittee showing the area of interest. If you have questions or concerns, please contact us at your earliest.

Thank you,

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