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**RE: Phase III Bond Release, Castle Valley Mining, LLC, Bear Canyon Mine, C/015/0025,
Task ID #4947**

Dear Mr. Haddock:

This letter acknowledges the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Denver Field Division's (DFD) receipt and review of the above Phase III Bond Release Decision Document prepared by the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining (DOGM) dated October 8, 2015. DFD agrees with the findings and Decision Document and hereby provides OSMRE concurrence for the above bond release action in accordance with 30 CFR 740.15 (d) (3), and 30 CFR 944.30, Article IX, of the State-Federal Cooperative Agreement.

DOGM's Decision Document notes the applicant's compliance with the Utah approved regulatory program at Rule R645-301-880. The Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) concurrence letter dated October 6, 2015 is attached in the Decision Document, as is evidence of public notification and permit condition requirements that the applicant must meet. A newspaper notice was approved by DOGM prior to publication and posted in the Emery County Progress from May 5, 2015 through May 26, 2015 for four consecutive weeks. The public comment period for the proposed bond release closed on June 26, 2015 and no comments were received.

The total acreage for Phase III bond release is 5.62 acres. OSMRE concurs with DOGM's decision and recommends release of the requested areas at the Bear Canyon Mine.

I have attached OSMRE's inspection report from the bond release inspection for your records. Please direct any questions concerning this action to Spencer Shumate, Natural Resource Specialist, Denver Field Division, at (303) 293-5013 or jshumate@osmre.gov.

Sincerely,

Alan Boehms, Manager
Denver Field Division

Attachment
cc: Castle Valley Mining, LLC, Bear Canyon Mine