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Re: South Portals Amendment, Genwal Resources, Inc., Crandall Canyon Mine, C/015/032

Dear Mr. Haddock:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has received and reviewed the subject mine plan amendment. This letter documents the Bureau's finding for this amendment with regards to the laws governing the Federal coal lease and the public lands.

The proposed amendment calls for establishing three new mine portals into the Hiawatha Coal Seam on the south side of Crandall Canyon. These mine entries would form the new access into Genwal's fee property and future access into the proposed South Crandall Federal coal lease. The proposed surface structures and disturbances are all on private lands outside our jurisdiction. The underground mining layout is also on privately owned coal. The proposal would not affect coal recovery on existing Federal coal leases under the approved resource recovery and protection plan (R2P2) and hence requires no action from the BLM with regards to the mineral leasing laws. However, we support the proposal in that the mining layout would be the logical access to the proposed South Crandall Federal coal tract and would promote the conservation of the Federal coal resource.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

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