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RE: Genwal Resources, Inc. "Crandall Canyon" Mine - Application for a Permit Revision,
Incidental Boundary Change

Dear Sir or Madam:

This in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas, & Mining's (UT-DOGM) October 27, 2004, request for a decision, under 30 CFR 944.30, whether the above subject permit revision constitutes a mining plan modification.

Mining plan approvals by the Secretary of the Interior are required under the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, 30 U.S.C. 181, *et seq.* before coal mining can occur on Federal lands. This letter serves to document OSM's determination whether or not a mining plan approval from the Secretary is required for the above permitting action.

OSM's review of the Application for a Permit Revision, Incidental Boundary Change, has determined that it proposes to add approximately 120 acres to the existing permit area as a result of a modification of Federal lease U-68082 at the Crandall Canyon mine, Utah State permit C/015/032.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does meet the requirements of 30 CFR 746.18(d)(3)(ii). Therefore, the proposed permit revision does not constitute a mining plan action requiring Secretarial approval. ✓

OSM's decision was based solely upon the Federal regulations under 30 CFR PART 746 and not the technical aspects of the revision application itself. Consequently, OSM's decision does not relieve UT-DOGM from coordinating the review and approval of the Application for a Permit Revision, Incidental Boundary Change with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the October 27, 2004 request to the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service for their review and comment.

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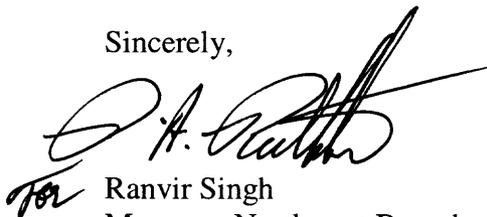
In an electronic transmittal dated November 4, 2004, the U.S. Forest service stated it had no comments regarding the application for a permit revision.

In an electronic transmittal dated November 1, 2004, the Bureau of Land Management stated in its opinion in the Application for a Permit Revision, Incidental Boundary Change did not constitute a change that would warrant a mining plan modification.

Please notify the applicant of our decision on this matter.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter or approval, please contact Carl R. Johnston, Utah Federal Lands coordinator, at (303) 844-1400, extension 1500.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Singh", with a stylized flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over the printed name "Ranvir Singh".

for Ranvir Singh
Manager, Northwest Branch

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