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RE: Genwal Resources, Inc. "Crandall Canyon" Mine - Application for a Permit Revision, East Mountain Emergency Drill Pads, Task ID No. 3417

Dear Sir or Madam:

This is in response to the Utah Division of Oil, Gas & Mining's (UT-DOGM) November 4, 2009, 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, East Mountain Emergency Drill Pads, has determined that it proposes to revise the text of the approved Permit Application Package for the Crandall Canyon mine, Utah State permit C015/0032 to state that the road segments associated with the East Mountain Emergency Drill Pads will be reclaimed as soon as authorization is granted by the land management agencies.

Based on a review of the activities associated with the permit revision, OSM has determined that the proposal does not meet the requirements of 30 CFR PART 740 and PART 746. 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, East Mountain Emergency Drill Pads, with other Federal agencies for compliance with other Federal regulations.

OSM also electronically transmitted the November 4, 2009, request to the Bureau of Land Management and the USDA Forest Service for their review and comment.

In an electronic submittal dated November 4, 2009, the USDA Forest Service stated in its opinion the proposed permit revision did not constitute a mining plan modification requiring Secretarial approval.

The Bureau of Land Management did not provide any comments in the thirty day time frame established by the Federal regulations under 30 CFR 944.30, Article VI. D.

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) 293-5038.

Sincerely,

Foster E. Kirby
Acting Manager, Field Operations Branch

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