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Subject: Alton Coal Mine/Coal Hollow Project

Daron - I would like to have you consider some of my concerns regarding the Alton Coal Mine - Project #C/025/0005. Living on Highway 89 and having a business in Historic Panguitch I am alarmed about the possibilities of the amount of truck traffic that will be coming through our lovely town. Just as I started this email we have had three large trucks come through - if the coal mine goes through as proposed you can add 300 more trucks a day. It will be an endless line of truck traffic making it unattractive for new residents or tourists to the area. The adverse economic impact will be devastating for most of us.

I live 10 miles out of town to the South and when I drive home I encounter other traffic passing me to the left even though I have my left turn signal on to turn onto the country road that feeds in my driveway. I shudder to think what it will be like with that many more tandem coal trucks on the road. I fear for my safety. We have no turn out lanes and I don't see where plans were made to compensate for this on Highway 89.

We also get our drinking water from a well, as does many residents along Highway 89. That well water comes from aquifers under the Sevier River.

What will happen when that water becomes contaminated with mercury and other toxins from the fine coal dust that continually leaks out of the trucks as they drive up and down Highway 89. It will have a devastating effect on the wildlife, fish and waterfowl who depend on the river for survival.

Because of the uniqueness of Pioneer towns up and down Highway 89 we recently received federal designation as the Mormon Heritage Highway (can't remember the exact name of the highway). That uniqueness and quite way of life will disappear as people are forced to move because of health issues, too much traffic, economic downturns in their towns, etc. This saddens me. Many of my friends own motels along Highway 89 in Hatch and Panguitch. What tired tourist is going to want to stay in their establishments to hear truck traffic all night long. They may do it once but not again and they will tell their sphere of influence the same. We depend on tourism for a large portion of our income and Garfield County depends on it from the revenue received off lodging and sales tax.

As citizens are we not allowed an informal hearing conference regarding the approval of this application? If so, can you tell me how I need to request such a hearing?

I thank you in advance - Bobbi Bryant 435 690-0044