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Re: Coal Hollow Mine, Alton Coal Development, LLC, 463 North 100 West, Suite 1, Cedar City, Utah 84720

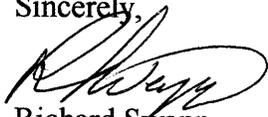
Gentlemen:

This letter is to object to the proposed Coal Hollow Mine near Alton, Utah. The mine will completely change the environment of Alton and the immediate area.

What is the benefit? Alton will derive no benefit. The impact will be 100% negative. The town is a residential area. The impact to the pristine, quiet, clean, country residential area will be a disaster. There are no commercial businesses in or near Alton. It will not increase the tax base to the town. The bottom line is the town has nothing to gain. Furthermore, the cost to the property owners in Alton and the surrounding area will be significant as their property values decrease.

The town's reputation as a 'coal mining town' with the attendant blasting, dust, 24 hour operation, and the endless line of trucks will result in reduced property values and a much less desirable place to live. My family has operated a livestock ranch here for over 100 years. I hope you will not allow an open pit mine to degrade the area.

Sincerely,



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