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Department of Natural Resources
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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 proposed coal mine will result in irreparable damage to the unique environment of Alton and the immediate area.

Alton is a unique residential area. There are no commercial businesses in or near Alton. The proposed mine will not increase the tax base of Alton. Employees of the mine will not relocate to Alton, because it is too close to the proposed mine and there are no rentals or other housing available. What benefit is there to Alton and the immediate area? The bottom line is the town and immediate area gains nothing. There is no benefit! The impact will be 100% negative. To impact the unique, clean, quiet, country residential area will be an inexcusable mistake. Furthermore, the cost to the property owners in Alton and the surrounding area will be significant as their property values decrease.

If the permit is issued Alton'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. Consider the residents and property owners of this unique area and do not issue the mining permit.

Sincerely,



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