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TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

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TO: Internal File

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RE: Addendum to Appendix 3-5, Alton Coal Development Company, Coal Hollow Mine, Permit # C0250005 Project #3810

SUMMARY:

On April 14, 2011 the Division received an addendum to appendix 3-5 of the Coal Hollow permit. The addendum was prepared at the request of the Division of Wildlife Resources' biologists from the Cedar City DWR. This memo will include a review of that information.

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TECHNICAL ANALYSIS:

OPERATION PLAN

FISH AND WILDLIFE INFORMATION

Regulatory Reference: 30 CFR Sec. 784.21, 817.97; R645-301-322, -301-333, -301-342, -301-358.

Analysis:

Protection and Enhancement Plan

Appendix 3-5 includes a mitigation plan for sage grouse at the Coal Hollow mine and surrounding areas. The addendum includes data and the 2010 and 2011 research proposals that include 2010, 2011 data collection, trapping schedules and data analysis. These proposed changes have been suggested and approved by DWR as well.

Findings:

The information in the application is adequate to meet the requirements of this section of the regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The application is recommended for approval.