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Bob Nead
Alton Coal Company
463 North 100 West, Suite 1
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Subject: Nature of Permit Type to Commence Underground Mining, Alton Coal Company, Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005

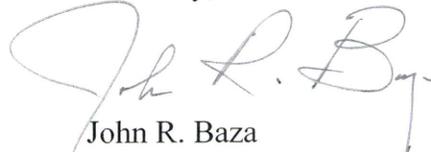
Dear Mr. Nead:

The Division has become aware that you plan to begin underground mining sometime in the near future at the Coal Hollow Mine, near Alton, Utah. We are very supportive of the idea, but will need to be sure that all permitting requirements have been met. This letter is to confirm that an addition of underground mining operations to the existing, approved surface mining permit would constitute a Significant Revision by the standards of the Coal Rules.

This additional technical information must be submitted by your company, as the permittee and the Division must analyze and issue approval of the Significant Revision before underground mining operations can commence. Please note that the process of application, review, and approval can be time consuming.

Please contact Dana Dean (801-538-5320) with any questions.

Sincerely,



John R. Baza
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