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Approval of Coal Hollow IBC & Highwall Alternative, Task ID #4517

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Thu, Mar 27, 2014 at 10:14 AM

To: Kathleen Clarke < kathleenclarke@utah.gov >, John Harja < johnharja@utah.gov >

Hello,

Please see attached copy for your records.

Thank you.

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Subject: Approval IBC & Highwall Alternative, Task ID #4517, Alton Coal Development, LLC,
Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

The Division has completed our review of the above-referenced Incidental Boundary Change and Highwall Alternative amendment. As you are aware, the Conservation Plan for Greater Sage-grouse in Utah has recently been implemented. This document has guided the Division in suggesting some of the revisions made to your MRP. After several discussions with regard to the plan changes, and after several rounds of back and forth on deficiencies and conversations between ACD and the Division, ACD has agreed to abide by the suggested changes, including the provisions regarding sage grouse disturbances, noise levels, mitigation etc. We have now determined that Alton Coal Development, LLC has met the regulatory requirements for our approval of this action, effective March 21, 2014. This modification will add 85.88 acres to the existing permit area and we have revised your permit to reflect this change. You are also authorized to utilize the alternative Highwall mining method as described in your updated MRP. We have enclosed two copies of the updated permit. Please sign both copies and return one to us for our records.

A copy of our Technical Analysis done on this proposal is also enclosed for your information and records. We are currently in the process of updating the CHIA maps and will send you a copy of the revised CHIA in the near future as well. We have received all of the revisions you have made associated with this IBC and amendment and have incorporated them into our copy of your MRP. A stamped incorporated copy is enclosed for your copy of the Mining and Reclamation Plan.



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If you have any questions, please feel free to call me (801)-538-5334 or Daron Haddock at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,



John R. Baza
Director

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