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Subject: NOV #18150 Response, Alton Coal Development, LLC, Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005, Task ID #4897

Dear Mr. Nicholes:

The Division has reviewed your application. The Division has identified deficiencies that must be addressed before final approval can be granted. The deficiencies are listed as an attachment to this letter.

The deficiencies authors are identified so that your staff can communicate directly with that individual should questions arise. The plans as submitted are denied. Please resubmit the entire application by no later than June 23, 2015.

If you have any questions, please call me at (801) 538-5325.

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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Technical Analysis and Findings

Utah Coal Regulatory Program

PID: C0250005
TaskID: 4897
Mine Name: COAL HOLLOW
Title: RESPONSE TO NOV #18150

Operation Plan

Fish and Wildlife Protection and Enhancement Plan

Deficiencies Details:

The mitigation acreage summary listed in paragraph 2 of the cover letter is incorrect. The 72 acres of sage grouse conservation area is included in the 500 acres credited by DOGM. ACD needs to make this correction.

The revision also needs to include an amendment to the MRP by June 23rd, 2015 that gives specific and detailed plans for the 240-acre mitigation project for the calendar year 2015, with a deadline of December 31, 2015.

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