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April 8, 2016

Kirk Nicholes, Resident Agent
Alton Coal Development, LLC
463 North 100 West, Suite 1
Cedar City, Utah 84720

Subject: 2015 Annual Report Amendment, Alton Coal Development, LLC, Coal Hollow Mine, C/025/0005, Task ID #5153

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 April 29, 2016.

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

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PID: C0250005
TaskID: 5153
Mine Name: COAL HOLLOW
Title: 2015 ANNUAL REPORT AMENDMENT

Operation Plan

Topsoil and Subsoil

Analysis:

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Reclamation Plan

Maps Reclamation BackFilling and Grading

Analysis:

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