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RE: Southern Utah Fuel Company Convulsion Canyon Mine,  
ACT/041/002, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Smith:

In response to your request for review and in accordance with your responsibility as outlined in 36 CFR 800.4, we are happy to consult with you concerning your project.

The staff of the Utah State Historic Preservation Officer has received the mine plan submitted by Oil, Gas, and Mining of the Convulsion Canyon Mine. Concerning the cultural resource report portion of the mine plan, it is our office's opinion that one area needs to be addressed before our office would consider this report adequate to submit as part of the mining plan. The question of significance of the sites is somewhat confused in that the report suggests that some of the sites meet Criteria D of 36 CFR 60.6, as being of scientific value, and then addresses the question of their not being eligible based on the Bureau of Land Management CRSS rating system. This is inconsistent, and the sites thus are not adequately addressed as to whether they are eligible or not eligible.

The confusion is again reflected in the recommendations of the cultural resource report. It is stated that there are indirect impacts on some of the sites, and gives a detailed listing of the kind of mitigation that may solve this indirect impact problem. If the sites are not eligible, there is no impact.

Also, our staff has observed that several of the reports by AERC appear to have "boilerplate" bibliographies, as well as other standardized sections of the report. Although they seem to be adequate in many cases, the bibliographic references and standardized parts of the report are not pertinent to this particular mine plan area, and suggest that they may not be necessary.

Should you need assistance or clarification, please call or write James L. Dykman, Cultural Resource Advisor, or Wilson G. Martin, Preservation Development Coordinator, Utah State Historical Society, Preservation Development, 300 Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, Utah 84101 (801) 533-7039.

Sincerely,



Melvin T. Smith  
Director and  
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