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U-82202
(UT-923)

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Canyon Fuel Company, LLC
c/o Ark Land Company
Attn: Mark Bunnell
HC 35 Box 380
Helper, Utah 84526

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Re: Approval of Request to Modify the Exploration Plan on Exploration License U-82202,
Muddy Creek Area, Sevier County, Utah

Dear Mr. Bunnell:

On September 5, 2006, BLM received a written request from Ark Land Company, a subsidiary of Arch Coal, Inc., to modify the exploration plan for Exploration License UTU-82202. On July 11, 2006, BLM approved a modification to the plan to allow truck-mounted rigs to be used to drill sites E-05 and F-05, and sites C-05 and D-05 would be eliminated. Problems with the drilling equipment, and delays in completing sites, have forced Ark Land to return to using heli-portable rigs where possible. New techniques have made this option feasible to try again, and Ark Land has proposed to try it on E-05 and F-05.

This was the method originally approved for this license. NEPA analysis found no issues that could not be mitigated. The Manti-La Sal National Forest has concurred to approval of this modification.

The BLM approves the modification as requested, pursuant to the license stipulations already in effect.

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This decision may be appealed to the Interior Board of Land Appeals (IBLA), Office of the Secretary, in accordance with the regulations contained in 43 CFR Part 4, and the enclosed Form 1842-1. If an appeal is taken, your notice of appeal must be filed in this office (at the above address) within 30 days from receipt of this decision. The appellant has the burden of showing that the decision appealed from is in error.

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Jim Kohler
Chief, Branch of Solids Minerals

Enclosure

1. Form 1842-1

cc: District Ranger, Ferron/Price Ranger District, Manti-La Sal National Forest
Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest
✓ Director of Mining, Utah Division of Oil Gas and Mining
Field Office Manager, Price Field Office