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Mr. Kenneth E. May
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Re: SUFCO Mine - Minor Modification to Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2),
Longwall Panel 2R2South A, Coal Lease U-63214

Dear Mr. May:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received on December 10, 2010, your letter dated December 3, 2010 concerning the subject R2P2 modification. Your letter was in response to the BLM's request to evaluate mining plans for the A block of this longwall panel. In your letter Canyon Fuel Company proposed a modification to the R2P2 to extract the full length of the 2R2South longwall panel along with adjustments to the lengths of both 1R2South and 2R2South longwall panels.

Your proposal to extract the full length of the 2R2South panel will involve mining under a perennial stream. We have met with Fishlake and Manti-LaSal National Forest personnel to request their concurrence to the mine plan modification as it applies to the lease stipulation governing mining under a perennial stream. To help in this evaluation, we request that Canyon Fuel provide the following information/data:

- The proposed mine plan, as shown in the December 3, 2010 submittal, drawn on a topographic map.
- The proposed mine plan, as shown in the December 3, 2010 submittal, drawn on an aerial photograph map.
- A map showing the conceptual subsidence contours after mining in this area.
- Best estimations of stream gradient and morphology after mining.
- Any additional drill hole or geologic data that shows the dip of the strata in this area.
- A mitigation plan if the water in the stream were to be lost from surface flow, including possible offsite mitigation options.

- If available a list of inventoried springs in the area and the sampling plan.
- If available the history of the water flow in the steams – sampling times and flow rates.
- Any other data or reports that would support your proposal and the affects to the stream.

After receipt of this information, a meeting will be scheduled with Canyon Fuels, the Forest Service, and the BLM to discuss the issues with this proposal.

If you have any questions on this request, please contact Jeff McKenzie at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely

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