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Stuart Green
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29950 South Bonanza Highway
Bonanza, Utah 84008

Subject: Review of Request for Partial Bond Release, American Gilsonite, Bonanza Operations, M/047/0010, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Green:

On January 10, 2012, the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining received your request for a partial release of the reclamation for the E-21 mine site at the Bonanza Operation. During a site visit on March 16, 2012, Brett Gregory and Wayne Western determined that additional reclamation work needs to be done prior to bond release. The following item is required before the Division can release this site:

The vegetation must have survived at least three growing seasons (Rule 647-4-111.13.11).

When the site meets this requirement and other reclamation requirements please re-submit the Application for Site and/or Bond Release form found on the Division's Web site at www.ogm.utah.gov/minerals.

Once the Division receives your re-submitted Application for Site and/or Bond Release, we will inspect the site in a timely manner and respond to your request. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter, please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at 801-538-5257. In response, please reference our file number M/047/0010 regarding this project.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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