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Jim Runquist
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Subject: Deficient Response to Division Directive; TME Asphalt Ridge; TME Asphalt Ridge Mine, M/047/0089; Cameron #1 Project, S/047/0036; and TME AR Lecy Mine, S/047/0088; Uintah County, Utah

Dear Mr. Runquist:

The Division of Oil, Gas and Mining has reviewed your letter received December 19, 2011, requesting a six month delay until June 1, 2012, to consolidate the three referenced Notices of Intention (NOIs). Thank you for providing your response by the deadline in the directive of November 18, 2011.

The Division has previously notified you of the need to consolidate the three permits. A letter dated January 22, 2009—almost three years ago—asks that you send replacement pages for the Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations (LMO) and indicate how the two small mines will be incorporated into the LMO.

Your letter says another company might "acquire the small mine permits to place a bitumen processing plant on the mine site." As you indicate, they would need to change the permit with the Division (since the small mine permits are not bonded for a processing plant).

Considering these factors, the Division has decided to grant a three-month extension from today's date which is approximately a four-month extension from the date of your letter.

1. **By April 23, 2012,** please amend the TME Asphalt Ridge Mine LMO, M/047/0089, by providing a map and narrative which describes the current disturbance (and acreage) and where you intend to operate for the next five years. Please include replacement pages for the original LMO using redline and strikeout text and indicate how the two small mines are to be incorporated into the current approved LMO plan using Form MR-REV found on the Division's web page. After the notice is determined technically complete you will be asked to send two final clean copies, and one will be returned stamped approved.

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2. Within 30 days of approval of the amendment, revise the surety for the TME Asphalt Ridge mine as needed.

If you wish to change the form of surety, please contact Penny Berry at (801) 538-5291 or by e mail at bondcoordinator@utah.gov to obtain the appropriate forms.

Thank you for your cooperation. Please contact me at (801) 538-5261 or Leslie Heppler at (801) 538-5257 if you have questions about this letter.

Sincerely,

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