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Via Email Attachment (tom.kaldenbach@state.co.us)

Re: P-2009-025,

Dear Mr. Kaldenbach:

Permit me to direct your attention the recent "YouTube" video posted on the Black Range Minerals website: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rptNdp8NLcs&feature=youtu.be>

We recognize, of course, that the video is an animation, pasted on the terrain of the Hansen site, however we are concerned that the company is proceeding with the experiment that they initially proposed in the recent NOI modification request despite their withdrawal of the request.

Please excuse my cynicism but we have seen a number of examples over the past four years of the company conducting activities without the required approvals (e.g. prospecting without the required county permit) and failure to comply with announced intentions (e.g. statement to the county to construct thirty monitoring wells at the commencement of prospecting to determine the status of the groundwater "as it is now" --in 2008).

We note that in the Prospector's NOI Modification withdrawal letter, Mr. Siglin stated that the company believed that it could accomplish its objectives within the confines of the current permit and bond. You explained to me how the required ore sample to evaluate ablation technology (presumably to be done off-site) could be obtained by conventional drilling of new six-inch boreholes.

Based on our research and understanding of the requirements of underground bore hole mining, we believe that it would be impossible to conduct the procedure through six-inch holes. Even if it were possible, the issues that we raised about the potential for groundwater contamination -- which you addressed in your comment letter to the Prospector reviewing the initial modification request -- remain valid.

For your information, I recently, personally, observed a drill truck and accompanying vehicle carrying pipe on Tallahassee Road (FCR 2) heading in the direction of the Hansen site. The drill rig appeared identical to that shown on the video and different from previously seen vehicles associated with the Black Range prospecting activities. Other neighbors have seen and heard evidence of drilling activity on the site.

We respectfully request that you inquire as to the precise nature of the current Black Range prospecting activities and that you conduct a prompt inspection of the site to verify the facts.

Thank you for your attention.

Very truly yours,

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