Owens, Mike

From: Smith, Claudia
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Owens, Mike
Subject: FW: Ute Mountain Ute Public Comment E-mail List
Attachments: D Higginson comments to EPA.pdf

Mike, I couldn't tell if you were copied on this email comment or not, so forwarding just in case. It will also be saved in PDF format at the location on the I Drive with the other comments.

From: Claudia Smith [mailto:Smith.Claudia@epamail.epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** R8 Air Permitting
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 11:12 AM
To: Smith, Claudia
Subject: Fw: Ute Mountain Ute Public Comment E-mail List

----- Forwarded by Claudia Smith/R8/USEPA/US on 06/09/2014 11:12 AM -----

From: David Higginson [redacted]
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Date: 06/05/2014 03:13 PM
Subject: Ute Mountain Ute Public Comment E-mail List

Please add me to the e-mail notification list for clean air act permit public comment opportunities on the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation.

I have attached my comments which I would ask be added to the public comments and oral testimony file.

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June 5, 2014

US EPA
Region 8 Air Program
1595 Wynkoop Street
Denver, CO 80202

RE: Requests for comments for Title V Application for Deseret Power

Dear Sirs:

As a business manager in the Uintah Basin with a degree in Business and Finance, I believe I have a practical understanding of how things work. I also have a history of working with governments and serving on business and community committees including the Uintah Basin Association of Government, Roosevelt Chamber of Commerce and the Roosevelt Rotary Club.

I attended the recent hearing at the Ute Tribal Auditorium concerning the above application and must say, that I was amazed. From the Ute Tribe presentation, it appeared that Deseret Power had received multiple violations with no comments concerning any actions that have taken to resolve these issues. From the Deseret Power side it appears that they are the most dutiful and mindful organization, always going above and beyond to insure all compliance is completed in a exemplary method. Undoubtedly, neither of this view are accurate.

I personally understand the EPA objective to safeguard the environment and insure targeted species are adequately protected. I have observed your action with the Spotted Owl and other animals and know your directives have little concern for local families and businesses.

I could add my voice to those at the hearing citing concerns about the impact of a $200,000 additional to the overhead and equipment to insure that Deseret Power comes into compliance and although I believe that little verifiable evidence exists that Deseret Power is the main contributor to the air quality problems of the Uintah Basin, they undoubtedly have some impact. I believe action should be taken to have them move toward compliance with all federal guidelines. The question is how should this be done and how quickly should this change be put into place.

As I listened to the comments of almost all that presented at the hearing, it appears an "**ALL OR NOTHING"** attitude prevailed. I seldom find this an effective way to accomplish change. This approach

does nothing except cause deep long standing resentments and harsh financial burdens that are difficult to overcome.

On the other hand, a gradual phase in over a period of time can often be accepted and accomplish the same objective. One similar example is the price of gasoline compared to many years ago. I remember the 22 cent oil in Utah while now the price is $3.60. If we had asked the residents of the Utah or the nation to go from 22 cents to $3.60 overnight, it would have been a disaster. (Some calculations of this increase are as high as 1500%.) If this had been attempted in one action, the economy of the nation and the state would have gone into a steep decline with irreparable damage. Instead a more reasonable approach was reached with a gradual increase in pricing over many years. I wonder if this might not work in this situation.

Specific items that need to be upgraded could be listed with a time line of what we need to do each year. These improvements could be monitored along with sampling to insure the desired action obtains the desired results. Instead of a 40% immediate hike in utility rates which would probably cause all oil production and exploration in the Uintah Basin to cease, an increase of 10% could be absorbed with some pain and hard work. (This 40% increase would have a tremendous "trickle down" affect impacting every aspect of business and personal finance. This would include employment, housing and taxes.) Most reasonable people would understand that few if any increases have been awarded during the past many years and some increases could be absorbed if needed. Maybe part of the $200 million could be absorbed by Deseret Power or the related cooperatives, if not they would need to be passed on the subscribers, just like other utilities. By simply spreading the increases out of a number of years, it could be tolerated although painfully.

Thank you for listening to my concerns.

David Higginson

[redacted]

Owens, Mike

From: Desiree Cochrane [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, June 12, 2014 2:25 PM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit

I have lived Rangely Colorado my whole life. We have seen ups and downs in the oil fields. The only thing that seemed consistent is the mine. I am deeply concerned with the power plant being shut down. Our town will have very little funding and so the hospital, the recreation center, and small businesses will be severely damaged. The people that will have to leave due to the Deserado mine being shut down won't even be able to sell houses, cause no one here will buy. There will be very limited jobs if any. The impact of the power plant being shut down will be great. Hope you take that in consideration. If the people can't sell houses then the banks will have to take them and that will hurt the economy even more. The air quality is fine around here regardless of what you may think. We have healthy strong people that are willing to work hard labor. These men and women don't just sit behind a desk looking for people to screw. They are just trying to make a living and support their families the best they can.

Sent from Windows Mail

Owens, Mike

From: dusti rose <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 8:44 PM
To: Owens, Mike
Subject: Tile V permitting for Deseret Power

mike owens,

Im sending this letter concerning the Title V permit for Deseret Power Electric Cooperative. I was at the public hearing yesterday at Ft.Duchesne Utah. My first problem I Have is that I don't think the power plant and coalmines are getting a fare shake. Let me explain. My friend was setting there eating dinner just down the road from where the meetings was held. In comes three young ladies and sits down a table away. A member of the ute tribe and two others. The ute member commented on the number of coalminers that was at the first meeting and hoped that there was not that many going to be at the second meeting. One of the other ladies commented that they are just miners and they just come to blow off some steamand not to worry because she had seen that before in Nevada. They looked over at him about then and just whispered amongst themselves. Well when he arrived at the meeting spot. He noticed the three young women there. The tribal member had a sign up sheet asking to register for comments. The other two ladies went down to the stage and put one the judges outfit and calls the meeting into session. My concern is how can the judges be fare and bios with the comments of the people when it looked like they where one sided the whole time.

The second comment I have is that the head science guy for the ute tribe comment on Rangely being a toilet bowl and you had to hold your breath and could not eat the fish because of mercury in the water. This sounds like something that was couched to him by the wild earth guardians. It is completely false. The wild earth guardians have reported a lot of false finding on their web page about the power plant.

You cant have nuclear because of the waste, Hydro because the fish cant spawn ,Wind because it kills birds and is an eye sore, solar it also kills birds and is expensive, coal and natural gas because of pollution. which I believe is all of are energy sources. So lets join forces together and stop regulating this country into the ground. Rangely is a great place to live and I don't want to have to move because of the power plant they want to shut down. I have lived in the city before and I do not want to raise my kids in that kind of pollution. Im for all types of energy renewable and fossil fuels. I believe that this is the only way are country can make enough energy for all the people.

thank you
Dusti Rose

Owens, Mike

From: Eric Popham [redacted]
Sent: Saturday, June 07, 2014 11:35 AM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit

My name is Eric Popham, I am a underground coal miner at Deserado mine. I am also the Recording Secretary for UMWA Local Union 1984 and a UMWA international Safety inspector. I have witness first hand the devastating affects on a town and families when a mine is shut down! My home town that I grew up in is no longer. No school, no jobs, ect.... By forcing the power plant to stray away from coal will cripple the town of Rangely and surrounding areas. Not only will if directly affect 161 jobs but the trickle down affect will be devastating. I attend both public hearings on June 3 and was not impressed with the lack of support from the Ute tribe and there lack of facts! Wild earth guardians had no support and I find there lack of facts about our power plant and coal mine show that they really do not research and have no facts just tax payers money to throw around! Our power plant does not create more smog then the city of LA! You don't have to be a expert to realize that! We have beautiful blue sky's in Northwest Colorado and the Basin. Closing the mine and forcing the power plant to change and or close also will affect thousand, not only workers for the company but the people who rely on the cheap power. This is a war on coal, a war on our way of life, and a war on our rights and prosperity. As a father, a coalminer, and a member of the UMWA I fully support the use of coal not only at Deseret power but around the country!

Owens, Mike

From: Smith, Claudia
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 3:09 PM
To: Owens, Mike
Subject: FW: Request to the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation Public Comment Opportunities Listserve

Mike,

It appears this gentleman may have clicked on the wrong link on our public comment page, or he was trying to kill two birds with one stone. Regardless, it does not appear that you were copied on this comment to the Deseret Part 71 permit.

Claudia

From: Claudia Smith [mailto:Smith.Claudia@epamail.epa.gov] **On Behalf Of** R8 Air Permitting
Sent: Wednesday, June 04, 2014 3:03 PM
To: Smith, Claudia
Subject: Fw: Request to the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation Public Comment Opportunities Listserve

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From: Harold Putney <[redacted]
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Date: 06/03/2014 01:48 PM
Subject: Request to the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation Public Comment Opportunities Listserve

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Michael B. Owens, EPA Air Program;

My Name is Harold Putney. I currently work at Blue Mountain Energy, (the Deserado Mine) and have worked

at the mine that supplies coal to the Deseret Power plant. I have worked at the Coal mine for 32 years come June 4th 2014. I

have made mining my career since 1975. I came to Rangely looking for work and have made this area my home, raising 2

boys, and being part of a fine community which has accepted us miners along with the oil field hands and companies that

originally built this town.

Throughout my time here I have been through many changes with my work, and what has been happening at the Power

Plant. We (both the power plant and the mine) as I would like to think of us have been through a lot of changes, and had our ups

and downs with keeping the plant with coal, and the plant meeting the power goals they have contracted.

During these years I am proud to say I have heard a lot of good things that the plant has done to look out for the health and safety

of their employees, and the surrounding community. I can remember picking up a magazine and thumbing through it to find our plant

being acknowledged for being one of the cleanest plants operating. I was also told a long time back that Deseret Power took the initiative

to try and get the best, and most efficient parts available so the plant would not create health and safety issues.

I am writing to you in hopes that you would take the Power plant past history into consideration when you sit down to make a

Decision about whether to permit them or not as they now stand. I would feel it is a given that they would continue to upgrade their

Scrubbers, and filtering systems to the best there is to buy.

I would also like to make the comment that we have a fairly young work force, and that we would rather be working than drawing

Unemployment.

Respectfully H L Putney JR.

Owens, Mike

From: Janet Chapman [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 1:09 PM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit

Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

I am not sure how much I say will affect your decision or not. You see, I have the feeling that you may be just going through the actions so you can say that you did your job completely. If you go ahead with the permit making the plant upgrade and have the coal mine close down, this could be a big domino affect throughout a lot of communities. There is a very good chance that we could see ghost towns in our area. A lot of people will end up on welfare and government help. I was going to build a house on my land since my trailer is falling apart but am scared to go ahead with the plans due to the fact I am afraid that I might lose my job here at the bank and my boyfriend might lose his job at the mine that he has had for 32 years. Our bank is also in the middle of a merger which is scary because we do not know who will have jobs and who won't. I went to the meeting in Fort Duschene and was very moved by the people who said that they were for the permit but to wait on the upgrades until they renew the lease. This would give everyone a chance to be prepared for any increases if there is any and to deal with the upgrades. I was very impressed with the person who gave facts about how the plant and mine were set up and how much contradiction there was between the numbers of their facts and the Wild Earth Guardians' facts. I was born in Houston, Texas, and when I was 7 years old, my father moved us up to this part of the country so we would be healthy; which we are. I do not have to take a bunch of Allergy shots like I did every week in Houston. When I lived in Denver for nine years, I was on Allergy medicine all of the time. Since I have come back to Rio Blanco County, I have not had that issue with the allergies. It is sad to see the oil companies pulling out due to all of the regulations and now we may lose our Coal Mine. So sad. If you look at the bigger cities like Chicago, Washington DC, Denver, Houston, there is a bigger pollution problem there because of the exhaust, combustion and just too many people living in the area. Here we do not see a brown cloud – just blue skies. I hope you will consider your decision very carefully and thank you for listening.

Sincerely

Janet A. Chapman
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Owens, Mike

From: Lorrie Guild <L[redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 02, 2014 8:40 AM
To: Owens, Mike
Cc: R8AirPermitting
Subject: Bonanza Power Plant

To Whom it may concern,

I would like to state my possition in your decisions reguarding the Title V permit for the Bonanza Power Plant.

I support the Bonanza Power Plant, in our area communities it serves our local Bridger Valley Electric Association.

The longtime suppling of electricity at a reasonable cost as well as improving air quality is untouchable.

Thank you for your time,
Lorrie Guild
Lorrie Guild
[redacted]

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Owens, Mike

From: Mara Wagner [redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 16, 2014 2:16 PM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit

To whom it may concern:

I am writing in regards to the Bonanza Power Plant issue.

My husband, Stan, was hired at the Deserado Coal Mine just over eight years ago. What an opportunity it was to get this job. His previous job was wonderful, but could never offer the benefits and advantages that the Mine could. After realizing what a good job it was turning out to be, we sold our home and moved closer to work. We have lived here in Rangely for over seven years and hope to be here beyond retirement.

When Stan was first hired, my son had just turned one. He was so excited about dad's new job that he wanted to know everything. He loved to hear about the machines and the big trucks. It was all fascinating to him. He knew about the 'coal', but when anyone asked him where his dad worked, he proudly responded that he worked at the 'cool mine'. We all are thankful for his job at the 'cool mine'.

The people that run the Mine and Power Plant, the workers as well as the bosses, are good people. This company takes care of its employees and really do try to do what's in everyone's best interest. I hope that those that are in a position to make decisions concerning the permit in question will consider the families that they will be affecting. I try to teach my own children about compromise and I think this can be a compromise in action.

I am thankful to be able to comment about this issue that can affect my life greatly and thank you for your time.

Mara Wagner
Wife of Stan Wagner
Haul Truck Driver at
Deserado Coal Mine

Owens, Mike

From: Marty Watkins <[redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2014 1:23 PM
To: Owens, Mike
Cc: R8AirPermitting
Subject: Bonanza Power Plant Title V Permit

Sirs:

Please take my following comments into consideration in your decisions regarding the Title V permit for the Bonanza Power Plant.

I am a resident, rancher, and banker in Southwest Wyoming and am directly and negatively impacted by the rising energy (including electricity) costs which are caused by over regulation. Existing and being productive in this geographic area are both highly dependent upon energy from our natural resources (from both consuming and producing roles). I support the Bonanza Power Plant and its customer, Bridger Valley Electric Association, and their history of continually improving air quality and supplying electricity at a reasonable cost.

Thank you for your consideration.

Marty Watkins

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Owens, Mike

From: Roberta Hardy [[redacted]
Sent: Monday, June 09, 2014 9:46 PM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit

My name is Roberta Hardy I live in Jensen, Utah. My husband,son and son-in law work for Deserado Coal mine. They supply the coal for the Bonanza power plant. Please let our power plant stay the way it is. If you make them meet the title 5 standards I could cost my family their jobs. The power that we use to power our home comes from the Bonanza Power Plant and the 40% increase in our power rates would be a hardship on our family.

Roberta Hardy
[redacted]

Owens, Mike

From: Rose Brogden <[redacted] on behalf of Group R8Eisc <R8Eisc@epamail.epa.gov>
Sent: Thursday, June 05, 2014 8:04 AM
To: wagner_r_us@[redacted]
Cc: Group R8Eisc; Owens, Mike
Subject: Re: ...bonanza power plant operated by the Deseret power coop...(005043831) Region 8 WWW Feedback

Hello,

Your emails reached the US EPA Region 8 Environmental Information Service Center (EISC). The EISC information database lists Mike Owens as the contact for information related to Deseret Power Electric Cooperative (Bonanza). You may wish to contact him for guidance regarding your email. Here is his contact information.

303-312-6440
Email:Owens.mike@Epa.gov

Thank you for your interest in the environment.

"idaemon@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov" ---06/05/2014 02:38:32 AM---A-name Spencer Wagner

From: [redacted]
To: Group R8Eisc/OCP/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, [redacted]
Date: 06/05/2014 02:38 AM
Subject: (005043831) Region 8 WWW Feedback

A-name
Spencer Wagner
B-email
[redacted]

E-city
[redacted]

J-comments
My comment is in regards to a public input meeting at witch the EPA was to hear the concerns of the local public on the issuance of a title 5 operating permit for the

bonanza power plant operated by the Deseret power coop. I attended the 4 o'clock meeting held at the Ute tribal Auditorium in Fort Duchesne Utah. I would like to express me and my families support for the approval of the title 5 operating permit with the same agreed upon requirements as past title 5 operating permits. Thank You

Another comment I have is the judge who was presiding at the same meeting in Fort Duchesne was herd after the 4 o'clock meeting in a local establishment having a conversation with the 3 other ladies that helped with the meeting about how many coal miners attended the meeting. The judge then said she had seen it before in Nevada when she was at meeting concerning issues with a gold mine. She then stated that miners were full of hot air and like to talk just to hear them selves speak. IT IS VERY BOTHERING TO KNOW THAT MOST OF THE COMMENTS MADE DURING THIS MEETING WAS TAKEN AS HOT AIR!!!

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Owens, Mike

From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted]02 PM
To: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] V Permit

My name is Stan Wagner and I am a haul truck driver at the Deserado Mine that supplies coal to the Bonanza Power Plant. I have worked here for over eight years. I have a wonderful wife and three beautiful children we live in Rangely and love this town and the wonderful people that we share it with. My family and I are very concerned with what could become of our future if more controls and restrictions are added to this Title V permit. If we lose our job at the mine we will be forced to move from Rangely because there is not employment here to absorb the loss of jobs from the mine. Hundreds of people will be directly affected, and thousands indirectly. The whole town of Rangely will be devastated if the mine is forced to close.

We are surrounded by beautiful country and we love being in the outdoors. We also benefit from the clean air that is a part of were we live. The big cities is where most of the pollution is created and contained. Every time we drive into Denver or Salt Lake City I can't believe how nasty and dark the air is. The Bonanza Power Plant is one of the cleanest in the world and I am proud to be a part of that. It also provides affordable power to its customers, which is very important in today's economy. We can't afford to pay more for electricity, because that will also drive up the cost of everything we buy as the extra cost of power will trickle down to us, the consumers.

As a family we pray everyday that we will not lose our job, and that we will be able to continue living as we are now. This job is such a huge blessing for our family, good wages, benefits, and a wonderful family friendly schedule. It allows me to provide for my family and allows my wife to be a stay-at-home mother to raise our children right.

I ask, and even plead, that you will reinstate the original permit with no further controls or restrictions so that our family and hundreds of others will be able to continue working, living, and enjoying our lives without fear of losing everything we have to the government that is supposed to be there helping us and supporting us. Please help us! Don't destroy us.

Stan Wagner
[redacted]

Owens, Mike

From: Wann Brown [redacted]
Sent: Wednesday, June 11, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Owens, Mike; R8AirPermitting
Subject: Deseret Generation and Transmission

As small homeowner in Jensen, Utah, currently being serviced by Moon Lake Electric Association, part of the Deseret Generation system, I would like to urge the EPA to grant the Title V permit as currently stands without revisions. I am an older, single woman, nearing retirement and living on a limited income. The possibility of a large increase in my electric bill due to increased upgrades to the current facility could cause severe economic hardship to me.

I appreciate your taking the time to collect these responses and hope that you will be merciful to those of us in this valley.

Sincerely,
Wann Brown
[redacted]

Comments on Deseret Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Permit
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to:
Mike Owens, R8AirPermitting
06/12/2014 09:50 AM
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From: [redacted]

To: Mike Owens/R8/USEPA/US@MSO365, R8AirPermitting@EPA

Please respond to [redacted]

Greetings-

I am writing as a environmentalist and long-time member of 350.org who favors allowing the Bonanza Power Plant to continue operating without any proposed upgrades or modifications to the existing plant.

As an environmentalist, I believe Bonanza is absolutely one of the wrong power plants for a group such as Wild Earth Guardians to target. It is one of the cleaner coal-fired plants in the US, and the Deserado mine, which supplies the plant, is one of the safest mines in operation. If Bonanza shuts down, so will the Deserado mine, which will economically devastate the town of Rangely, CO, where the mine is located. Devastating hard-working families and a town for so little environmental gain is poor strategy and will inevitably produce ill-will at more than just a local level, especially as the "case" against Bonanza seems to be based on nothing more than legal shenanigans. Both the mine and the plant will likely end operations within 20 years as is, which at least allows the Town of Rangely the opportunity to diversify its economy.

Again, I know very well the necessity of transitioning away from fossil fuels. Phasing out coal-fired plants will be part of this transition. But Bonanza is the wrong plant to target, at the wrong time, and for the wrong reasons.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Wiley
English and philosophy faculty,
Colorado Northwestern Community College

Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Operating Permit

Deborah Smith to: R8AirPermitting 05/22/2014 10:05 PM
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians .org>

From: Deborah Smith <[redacted]
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <[redacted]
Please respond to Deborah Smith <[redacted]

May 22, 2014

Mike Owens

Dear Owens,

I READ ABOUT HOW MUCH IT WILL COST TO IMPROVE THE GRID....BUT YET HERE IN OK. OUR STATE GOVERNMENT IS DOING IT'S BEST TO DETOUR SOLAR AND WIND POWER BY PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS, AND WHAT ABOUT THE HEALTHCARE COSTS OF DIRTY AIR???? IT IS IN THE BILLIONS!!!! AND SOMETHING CAN BE DONE ABOUT IT....SAVE MONEY ON HEALTHCARE, AND PUT IT TOWARDS MAKING POWER PLANTS THAT DO NOT CAUSE HEALTH PROBLEMS!!! MAJOR DA!!!!
I support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to ensure the Bonanza coal-fired power plant in northeastern Utah is finally brought into compliance with the Clean Air Act. For too long, the power plant has escaped accountability to clean air laws, putting the air in northeastern Utah and neighboring Colorado at great risk.

I support efforts to ensure the power plant installs legally required pollution controls to keep toxic pollution at bay. The Bonanza power plant has largely escaped regulation for years while other power plants in the region have made significant clean air upgrades. In essence, the cost of air pollution was put on our shoulders. I support the EPA's efforts to ensure the owners of Bonanza shoulder the cost of controlling their air pollution if they continue to operate their coal-fired power plant.

To this end, I support the EPA's proposed Title V Operating Permit. However, the proposed permit should be written to ensure that the

Bonanza power plant's owner installs legally required up-to-date
pollution controls as soon as possible. The EPA must also establish a
deadline to ensure that if the plant's owner does not install the
legally required controls as soon as possible, they must shutdown.

There is no excuse for illegally operating a coal-fired power plant.
EPA must ensure that Bonanza cleans up or shuts down.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Deborah Smith
[redacted]

Require Bonanza Power Plant to Meet Pollution Standards to Continue Operating

Larry Lambeth to: R8AirPermitting 05/22/2014 05:03 AM
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians .org>

From: Larry Lambeth <action@wildearthguardians.org>
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Please respond to Larry Lambeth [redacted]

May 22, 2014

Mike Owens

Dear Owens,

Pollution and greenhouse gases are adversely impacting Americans. I support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to ensure the Bonanza coal-fired power plant in northeastern Utah is finally brought into compliance with the Clean Air Act. For too long, the power plant has escaped accountability to clean air laws, putting the air in northeastern Utah and neighboring Colorado at great risk.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Larry Lambeth
[redacted]

Stop Gratuitous Pollution From Bonanza Power Plant

Jim Steitz to: R8AirPermitting 05/22/2014 03:34 PM
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians .org>

From: Jim Steitz <[redacted]
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Please respond to Jim Steitz [redacted]

May 22, 2014

Mike Owens

Dear Owens,

This power planet has no special privilege to use our atmosphere as an open sewer, exempt from the Clean Air Act rules that apply to other power plants. If the operators of the Bonanza power plant cannot economically bring their air pollution to a sane level, in compliance with the CAA, then their electricity production does not justify or offset the harm it inflicts on human health and quality of life.

I support the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to ensure the Bonanza coal-fired power plant in northeastern Utah is finally brought into compliance with the Clean Air Act. For too long, the power plant has escaped accountability to clean air laws, putting the air in northeastern Utah and neighboring Colorado at great risk.

I support efforts to ensure the power plant installs legally required pollution controls to keep toxic pollution at bay. The Bonanza power plant has largely escaped regulation for years while other power plants in the region have made significant clean air upgrades. In essence, the cost of air pollution was put on our shoulders. I support the EPA's efforts to ensure the owners of Bonanza shoulder the cost of controlling their air pollution if they continue to operate their coal-fired power plant.

To this end, I support the EPA's proposed Title V Operating Permit.

However, the proposed permit should be written to ensure that the
Bonanza power plant's owner installs legally required up-to-date
pollution controls as soon as possible. The EPA must also establish a
deadline to ensure that if the plant's owner does not install the
legally required controls as soon as possible, they must shutdown.

There is no excuse for illegally operating a coal-fired power plant.
EPA must ensure that Bonanza cleans up or shuts down.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jim Steitz
[redacted]

Enforce regulations at the Bonanza Power Plant

Patricia Martin to: R8AirPermitting 05/21/2014 01:01 PM
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians .org>

From: Patricia Martin <[redacted]
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians.org>
Please respond to Patricia Martin [redacted]

May 21, 2014

Mike Owens

Dear Owens,

Why do we have environmental protection laws if they're not enforced?!
Laws can't just be on paper to be effective.

The Bonanza coal-fired power plant in northeastern Utah needs to be in
compliance with the Clean Air Act - plain and simple. For too long,
this plant has escaped accountability to clean air laws, putting the
air - and citizens in Utah and Colorado - at risk. This is nothing
short of irresponsible. I'm tired of seeing 'outlaws' flaunt their
disobedience and rape the land with no consequences!

Pollution controls are legally required and it's the EPA's job to
ensure compliance. If you want to do this through the proposed Title V
Operating Permit - fine. However, the proposed permit should be written
to ensure that the Bonanza power plant's owner installs legally
required up-to-date pollution controls as soon as possible and there
should be a deadline to ensure that if the plant's owner does not
install the legally required controls as soon as possible, they must
shutdown.

There is no excuse to do otherwise.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ms. Patricia Martin
[redacted]

Document 125 – Form Email Comments from Wild Earth Guardians Supporters Via http://www.wildearthguardians.org

The EPA received over 1,800 identical email comments during the public comment period from supporters of the non-profit organization Wild Earth Guardians. The following page contains an example of the emails received.

Bonanza Power Plant Draft Title V Operating Permit

Anne Iulianelli to: R8AirPermitting 05/23/2014 08:36 AM
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <action@wildearthguardians .org>

From: Anne Iulianelli <[redacted]
To: R8AirPermitting@EPA
Sent by: WildEarth Guardians <[redacted]
Please respond to Anne Iulianelli <[redacted]

May 23, 2014

Mike Owens

Dear Owens,

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Anne Iulianelli
[redacted]