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Dear Sir:

Re: Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project

Thank you for your and others information on January 13th at Hinton and January 15th at Robb on the draft agreement between the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) and the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) to form a joint review panel to examine the Robb Trend Coal Mine Expansion Project.

My concern is regarding the particular problem of this project having a hamlet in the middle of mining operations

The flow chart received at the information meetings shows the AER making its final decision as part of this Joint Review Panel Process and yet no place in the scope of the review do I see mention of any concerns for the social and economic effects to a hamlet surrounded by a mining operation that will last at least 22 years and may in fact be considerably longer. While this may or may not be of concern to the Federal Minister, it should be of concern to the Province of Alberta (AER).

I therefore question the advisability of combining these reviews as I believe the AER and the Proponent have much more to do and may in fact hold up a decision by the Federal Minister.

Please keep me informed of any changes or decisions.

Yours truly,
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