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Mr. William H. Stallings  
Chief-Transportation, Energy, and Agricultural Section  
Anti-Trust Division  
U.S. Department of Justice  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Suite 8000  
Washington, D.C. 20530

Subject: Civil Action No. 12-CV-00395-RPM-MEH  
Ragged Mountain Gas Drilling Tract near Paonia, CO

Dear Mr. Stallings:

It has come to my attention that the system to administer awards for gas drilling leases was compromised in the subject civil action listed above. Although I do not know any of the particulars surrounding this case, I do know that the Federal government has a duty and an obligation to protect the interests of the citizens of the United States and the State of Colorado.

Dwindling revenue streams and increasing budget obligations make it imperative that these lease arraignments be fairly administered in a consistent manner throughout all public lands. If wrong-doing is discovered, the wrong-doers need to be held accountable.

As the owner of Hycon Constructors, Inc. and having won contracts in the past with the Federal government, I know fully well what would have happened to me should it had been discovered that I colluded with another competitor to distort the fair bidding process. I can only hope that the Justice Department re-visits the settlement of this case, and sends a clear message that behavior that impedes fair business practices does not go un-punished.

Very truly yours,



Michael J. Sramek  
President