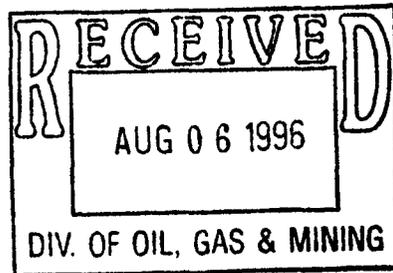


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Re: Request for Modification

Dear Mr. Wyatt;

As we discussed, White Oak is submitting the following modification to its MRP so that various minor modifications to the surface facilities may be documented. The modifications are installation of a new surface conveyor system to replace the existing high angle conveyor; relocation of a portable garage, and inclusion of the spoil area sketch that was submitted previously.

### **Conveyor Replacement**

The high angle conveyor from the mine belt to the gallery belt will be replaced with a pair of conveyors that will deposit coal directly into the stacking tube. This project is scheduled to be done in August. This configuration will eliminate the high angle conveyor and the need to run the gallery belt while mining in White Oak No. 2. Both belts have created operational problems and are prone to depositing excessive coal dust and fines upon the surface of the mine site.

The changes to be made are shown on the six attached copies of Figure R645-301-231.300 Sheet 4 of 4. The high angle conveyor, S-38 will be replaced with an extension of the White Oak No. 2 Belt, S-39. The new extension of S-39, will move coal from the existing White Oak No. 2 Belt to a new Belt, S-45, that will move the coal from the extension of S-38 to the Stacking Tube, S-36.

As shown on the attached figure R645-301-231.300 Sheet 4 of 4, a small platform will be excavated in the existing slope on the east side of the lower bench to accommodate the installation of the transfer point and belt drive for the S-45 belt. This excavation will be about twenty feet long and will extend into the existing slope approximately ten feet. The excavation is being made into competent rock and will have a slope of approximately 0.25 horizontal to 1 vertical. No stability problems are anticipated because of the limited extent of the excavation and the competence of the

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strata being excavated. This area has been exposed since construction of the mine site by Valley Camp and has not shown a tendency to slope failure or sloughing. Material from the cut will be used by White Oak to help regrade the area in the center of the truck loop after the snowy material stored there now has been excavated and sorted for disposal.

As we have discussed, the reclamation of these new conveyors will be relatively simple and inexpensive when compared to the reclamation of the high angle conveyor. The new conveyors will be modular in design and will be installed and removed as a unit; while the existing HAC belt must be removed in sections and will be a more costly, labor intensive operation. There should be no appreciable change in the overall cost of reclaiming the mine site.

The text of the MRP does not specifically mention the operation and maintenance of the conveyor system in use at the mine so no changes are being made in the text of the MRP.

### **Building Relocation**

The portable Garage, S-29, is being moved from the Southwest side of the Shop to the Northeast Side of the Office. With the reconfiguration of the interior of the office/warehouse building last winter, additional covered storage near the warehouse is needed. The garage will serve this function and provide for a more orderly surface storage area.

Also to be utilized for covered storage are three culvert arches, S-46. The arches have been on site (at the mine and the loadout) and have been moved to suit the needs of the operator. The arches will be placed along the northwest corner of the office building and will allow material currently being stored along the building to be stored in a dry location where it can be protected. No foundations will be poured for the arches or garage. The structures are self supporting and will have graveled floors. The locations are also shown on R645-301-231.300 Sheet 4 of 4.

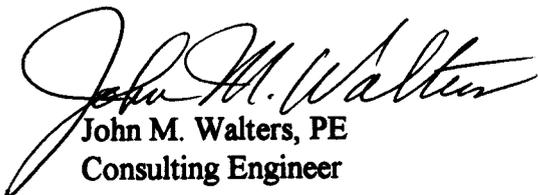
Since all structures currently exist on site and are only being relocated, no change in the amount of the reclamation bond is necessary.

### **Spoil Management Area**

The sketch of spoil management area that was previously submitted to your office has also been included on the attached copies of R645-301-231.300 Sheet 4 of 4. Page O-15 and 16 contain previously submitted operational plans for the area; as well as, discussion of the design and installation of a "French Drain" system added to the spoil area.

Please contact me if you have questions or if additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

  
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