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Dear Ms. Wright:

Please accept my sincere apology for the tardiness of this years Annual Report. We have had somewhat of a transformation in the Environmental Department here at White Oak. John Walters who was previously our Environmental Consultant/ Coordinator has been in Colorado working at another coal operation of ours. In his absence I have been filling in as Environmental Coordinator.

There was a miscommunication as to who was going to do this years Annual Report. In past years the Annual Report has been done by an outside firm, Hansen, Allen and Luce. But unbeknownst to me, this years Annual Report was my responsibility. So to make a long story short I have been frantically trying to complete the report, regrettably I did not make the April 31st deadline.

Again, I apologize for being late and for any errors that you may find. I have included some things which may not be required. I am somewhat inexperienced in this field, so if you have any suggestions or advice they would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at 448-9420.

Sincerely,

Dennis Dyches
Environmental Coordinator