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RE: Lodestar Energy, Inc.
Surface Mine Permit #C-007-001

Dear Mr. Haddock:

This replies to your inquiry concerning Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA) requirements for water accumulations in abandoned underground mines. Please be advised that MSHA does not have any regulations regarding water accumulations in abandoned mines. Should such accumulations pose a hazard to an active underground mine, 30 CFR 75.1716 requires the mine operator to submit a plan for approval to safely mine under the water accumulations.

I trust that this is the information that you need concerning Lodestar Energy's surface mine permit application. If there are any questions concerning this response, please call me or William Denning at 303/231-5463, extension 104 or 105.

Sincerely yours,

William P. Reitz
for John A. Kuzar
District Manager

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