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David Miller, Resident Agent  
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Re Pre-blast Survey, White Oak Mine Complex, Lodestar Energy, Inc., C/007/001-AM01B,  
Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Miller:

The Division received your pre-blast survey on November 28, 2001. We are currently reviewing it as amendment AM01B.

We are also in receipt of a faxed copy of a comment letter from Questar Pipeline Company in which they disagree with the content of the pre-blast survey for the pipeline. This pre-blast survey was to have been conducted for structures within one half-mile radius of the proposed blasting at the White Oak Surface Mine. To remedy Questar's concerns, the Division requires that you supply the following information to complete the pre-blast survey of the Questar pipeline.

For the area within one-half mile of the proposed blasting, please provide:

1. Maps of the underground workings at the White Oak mine within the 35 degree angle of draw of the pipelines. Show or describe, the amount of coal extraction/retention allotted for the pipeline angle of draw area. Show or describe, the overburden, the seam thickness, and the integrity and size of pillars for the area of coal extraction.
2. Summarize the subsidence monitoring data for the area. Refer to data required to be submitted by the existing mine plan.
3. Describe the existing condition of the ground surface above the pipeline. The pre-blast survey, or assessment, of the pipeline "may be limited to surface conditions and other readily available data." (Coal Rule R645-301-524.330)
4. If available from the Land Managing Agency, provide a copy of the appropriate ROW agreement(s) along with any stipulations which allow for the right for the pipeline to exist above the mine workings at the White Oak Mine, including any special requirements for site-specific design measures for Geologic Hazard Areas, which include "underground coal mining."

Once you have submitted this information, the Division will review it and meet jointly with Lodestar and Questar representatives to review this information and resolve the acceptance of the pre-blast survey in an expeditions manner.

Please call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

  
So/ Mary Ann Wright  
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