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RE: Fourth Quarter 2001 Water Monitoring Deficiencies for the Whiskey Creek Permit Area, Lodestar Energy, Inc., White Oak Mine, C/007/001, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Miller:

During the April 3, 2002 partial inspection of the Whiskey Creek site, Pete Hess, the Division inspector at this mine, was asked to check on numerous water monitoring sites for the Whiskey Creek and Horizon sites, which had been reported to me via the Division's water monitoring database personnel as not having been "sampled".

Through the review of Lodestar's records it was determined that many of the "No Sample" sites were no longer required to be monitored because the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2001 period is well beyond the first year after issuance of the Lodestar permit.

Six of the "No Sample" sites are UPDES outfalls, which are not a problem at this time, as long as the permittee is submitting the required EPA monitoring report forms to the Division. There has not been a problem with Lodestar submitting this information in the past.

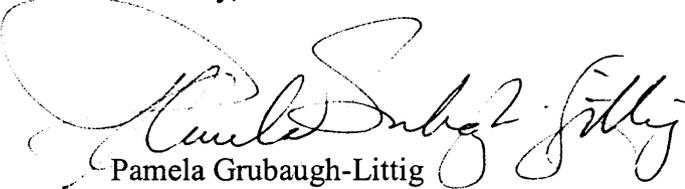
The following sample points were reported as "No Flow"; VC-4; VC-5; VC-12, (SEEP); S24-12, (SEEP), S25-13; S31-13, S36-7; S36-19; SCOAL1; SCOAL5; COX; and COAL. It is not known how data was entered for these sites, (if any), or if nothing was entered because of "No flow" or "seep", or "insufficient flow to obtain sample" was reported. It is necessary for your water monitoring database person to enter in something for each of these sites, such that the Division's database is maintained, as it should be. It seems that reporting no flow via a "0" somewhere relative to the proper sample would be procedure.

Last of all, although sample point S36-17 was sampled on October 14, 2001, and a lab analysis sheet was obtained on April 3, 2002, no data has been entered into the Division's data base for this fourth quarter 2001 sampling point. This must be followed up on by the permittee's data entry person. (I.e., the person reporting your water monitoring information).

Although many of the aforementioned errors appear to be small, it is the Permittee's responsibility to see that the 'No Flow' sites, as well as the others for which no data was reported, are corrected.

Please follow up on these sites for which data is missing with your water-monitoring contractor as soon as possible. Thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



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Permit Supervisor

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