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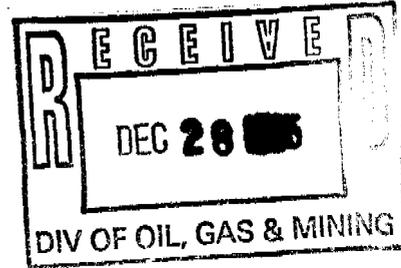
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Dear Mr. Baker,

RE: PERMIT AMENDMENT WILLOW CREEK COAL WASTE REMOVAL

We found more coal waste at the Northeast end of the portal area than anticipated. This material is partially outside the current disturbed area as shown on Exhibit 12-5-1. This material needs to be removed while we have the earth moving equipment at the site and are in this phase of the project. This letter is a request to amend the permit to allow this work.

As can be seen on Exhibit 12-5-1 enclosed the additional area needed is very small (0.25 acres). The area will be excavated by pushing the topsoil up to form a berm around the North and East sides to prevent runoff from entering Willow Creek. After the berm is in place the excavation will be made by cutting the material and pushing it into the cut already made at the portal area by removing the coal waste.

Runoff from the new cut area will flow into the portal cut which has become Pond 1. The drainage area as shown on Exhibit 12-7-3 enclosed will contain 13.01 acres of which 0.81 acres is added with this amendment. The additional 0.81 acres will add approximately 0.083 acre feet of runoff from a 25 yr 24 hour event using the data from Appendix 12-7-2 (see calculations attached). This small amount of additional runoff will comprise only 8.5% of the capacity of Pond 1 after the coal waste has been removed. Currently, 98% of the coal waste has been removed.

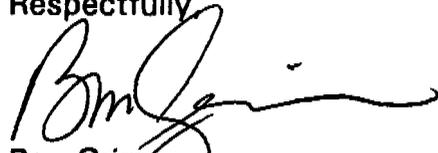
The area of this amendment has been covered by all environmental baseline work for the Willow Creek Mine Permit application, and will be included within the Willow Creek Mine disturbed area.

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We need a decision on this amendment by Wednesday January 3 if possible to allow the work to be done under this phase of the project since we are wrapping up the coal waste removal project.

Respectfully



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Sr. Staff Project Engineer

Attachments

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