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Dear Mr. Braxton:

We are requesting a permit amendment to our approved M&RP which will allow us to establish a third open coal storage area. We have enclosed three (3) copies of pages 3-22, 3-22a and map 3.2.2-1. This temporary storage use is required during the construction of our permanent open coal storage/reclaim system to insure uninterrupted shipments to our customers.

We expect that the new stacking tube storage facility will be complete and functional by early 1991. At that time we will recover and ship any remaining coal from the temporary waste rock disposal site, restore existing site such as road berms, and clean up the area.

Map 3.2.1-1 shows how we would stack coal in the waste rock site. We would replace a minimal length of roadway berm above the site with coal, dump coal on the roadway, and push the coal over the bank onto the coal pile with loaders. This technique of stacking coal will allow us to rapidly stockpile coal that cannot be immediately shipped from the mine because of train schedules.

Being able to quickly stockpile coal as proposed and reclaim it as needed will help us mine and ship the tonnage necessary to meet our coal marketing commitments.

We see few environmental or permitting concerns with storing coal in this area, but plan to take the following measures to insure compliance with existing regulations and permit requirements:

1. Only a minimal portion of the plant access dirt berm would be removed to facilitate pushing coal onto the coal pile. Once deposition of coal has started, a coal berm will remain in place to insure the safety of persons using the road.
2. Water is available at the conveyor drive house, and if the hillside is dry, we will wet down the hillside prior to pushing coal onto it so as to prevent any additional fugitive dust. Any surplus water will drain directly to our sedimentation pond.

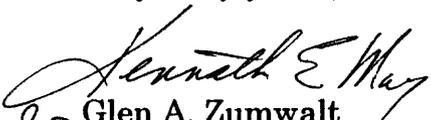
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3. Coal will not be pushed over the bank under windy conditions to avoid fugitive dust.
4. Water will be used as required during the stockpiling operation whenever necessary, so as not to exceed 20% opacity.
5. Coal fines on the plant access road will be periodically removed with a sweeper truck, which we have purchased, to minimize fugitive dust.
6. In the spring of 1991 we plan to reclaim any remaining coal stored in this area and clean the coal from the hillside below the plant access road.
7. We have available some surplus soil which could serve as growth media. We plan to place some of this material on the hillside, allowing it to deposit on the natural benches and slope imperfections. We will then seed this growth media as an interim revegetation measure and do some selective hand planting of shrub seedlings.

This amendment only affects existing permitted and disturbed area. The entire area is tributary to our sedimentation pond, and we feel that the environmental risks are minimal. This third storage area will have the potential of considerably less fugitive emissions due to the amount of throughput. It will have a throughput of approximately 60,000 tons. The new stacking/reclaim facility is permitted for 1.25 million tons and the existing north coal storage area had in the past a throughput of approximately 300,000 tons.

If you need any additional information please contact us.

Very truly yours,


for Glen A. Zumwalt
Vice-President/General Manager

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Attachment

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