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Mr. Daron Haddock, Permit Supervisor
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Dear Mr. Haddock:

RE: MODIFICATION OF SKYLINE WATER QUALITY MONITORING PLAN

Submitted herewith are fourteen (14) copies of a proposed modification to the Skyline M&RP water quality monitoring plan. The renewal submittal of December, 1991, included a modified monitoring plan, which was removed at your request and was to be submitted later as a separate minor modification.

Additional policy direction was received from Division staff members in a meeting on February 10, 1993, with Mr. Ben Grimes and Mr. Keith Welch, representing the Coal Operators Association. During this meeting it was agreed that accurate flow measurements were of prime importance, but that the frequency of other parameter measurements could be reduced particularly if those measurements had a well established history of stability. It was also agreed that any review should be on a site specific basis.

This request for a monitoring plan modification is in keeping with these policy decisions. The basic plan is to maintain the frequency of flow measurements at all sites, and also the list of constituents to be monitored in those stream segments which could potentially be impacted by surface operations. However, it is our request that a reduction in frequency be granted for those remote sites which have demonstrated little change over the years.

Also included is a plan to include the new well at the waste rock site (Well #92-92-03) into the monitoring program.

Since the 1993 monitoring season is rapidly approaching, your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated. Please contact Mr. Keith Welch if you have questions.

Sincerely,

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Vice President/General Manager

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Enclosures
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