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RE: Skyline Mine No. 3
ID No. 42-01566
Slurry Option

Dear Mr. Payne:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated January 17, 1997, regarding an option for a slurry project. The project is not subject to MSHA approval; however, the concerns associated with the request have been reviewed and appear adequate as follows:

1. The project is site specific for 7 Right Tailgate seals in the West Mains.
2. The slurry pipe will be grounded to prevent buildup of static electricity.
3. The area in front of the affected seals will be continuously ventilated with sufficient air to render harmless and carry away any methane or other gases being displaced from behind the seals.
4. The discharge of the slurry will be down dip from the affected seals, and the seals will not be used as impoundment structures.

A copy of this letter shall be made available to the miners and reviewed with all miners affected.

Sincerely,

John A. Kuzar
John A. Kuzar
District Manager

Enclosure