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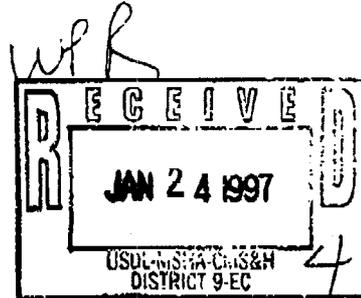
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Mr. John A. Kuzar  
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Re: Ventilation Plan Amendment  
Skyline Mine No. 3  
I. D. #42-01566



Dear Mr. Kuzar:

Attached is a proposed amendment to the currently approved ventilation plan for the above referenced mine. This amendment is being sought in anticipation of a possible slurry project at Skyline Mine No. 3. This project is being considered as an option for disposal of the rock that will be mined when the current 2 West Mains section continues its progress through an area of extremely low coal. This area will be an estimated 2800 feet long. The crusher and pumping station would be located in this 2 West Mains area.

The slurry will be pumped through a pipe in the 7 Right Tailgate seals in the West Mains of Mine 3. The slurry pipe will be grounded to prevent buildup of static electricity. The area in front of the 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.

The discharge of the slurry will be located down dip from the seals and the seals will not be used as an impoundment structure. Approval of this proposal would be specific to this area of Mine 3.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Gary Taylor of my staff at 801-636-2620.

Sincerely,

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