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I have successfully uploaded Skyline mine's 2003 first quarter water monitoring data to the Division's EDI. All but three sites were accessible and sampled during the monitoring period. CS-3 and CS-11 were not accessible due to the depth of snow and steepness of the slopes surrounding the sites. Attempts were made in a couple of times in February to reach the two sites but the snow on the steep slopes was too unstable to risk trying to cross. A small avalanche was started in the area of CS-11 during one of the attempts to access the site. While CS-9 was occasionally accessible, the sample site was completely frozen and no flow was occurring. Access to the site was gained by removing several feet of snow each time.

A review of the historic monitoring records for these sites indicate that only rarely are they accessible or flowing in the winter monitoring period. Since this is the case, I would propose that Skyline remove these three sites from its winter monitoring program through a permit modification.

If you have any questions regarding the upload of the data, please give me a call at (435) 448-2669.

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