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Date: 8/6/2012 4:45 PM
Subject: FW: Equipment Abandonment- Skyline (again)
Attachments: 1 Left TG Equip Abandon.pdf

All,

A letter is being prepared out of the Price BLM Office to approve this abandonment of equipment due to a squeeze, preventing travel of equipment through that zone. The truck was caught in by the squeezed area in the intake and had to be left where shown on the map. The battery was taken out and all fluids were removed. A CERCLA inspection was already performed for this area and an addendum will be added to the report explaining the additional equipment. The Forest Service has responded they have noted the situation. Please review and comment as needed before Wednesday afternoon this week.

Thanks,

Vaughn

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From: Rigby, Steven W.
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 1:26 PM
To: Bankert, Roger L; McKenzie, Jefferson D; Hughes, Vaughn R.
Cc: Clabaugh, Patricia A.
Subject: FW: Equipment Abandonment

Note Tom's response.

From: Lloyd, Thomas W -FS [mailto:twlloyd@fs.fed.us]<mailto:[mailto:twlloyd@fs.fed.us]>
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 12:16 PM
To: Rigby, Steven W.; Hughes, Vaughn R.
Cc: Rowley, Allen; Olsen, Darren G; Beagley, Kyle -FS
Subject: FW: Equipment Abandonment

Situation noted.

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From: Hughes, Vaughn R. [mailto:vhughes@blm.gov]<mailto:[mailto:vhughes@blm.gov]>
Sent: Monday, August 06, 2012 10:53 AM
To: Lloyd, Thomas W -FS; Harber, Dale -FS
Subject: FW: Equipment Abandonment

FYI

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From: Winters, Carl [mailto:CWinters@archcoal.com]<mailto:[mailto:CWinters@archcoal.com]>
Sent: Friday, August 03, 2012 10:33 AM
To: Bankert, Roger L
Cc: Hughes, Vaughn R.; Sorensen, Wess
Subject: Equipment Abandonment

Roger,

Skyline Mine experienced a squeeze in 1 Left Tailgate this week and is requesting approval of the abandonment of some equipment inby the squeeze. The attachment is the request. The original document is being mailed to you.

We appreciate your assistance with this matter.

Carl

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August 3, 2012

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Re: Equipment Abandonment - Skyline Coal Mine, Federal Coal Lease UTU-67939

Dear Mr. Bankert:

On Monday, July 30, a squeeze occurred in the 1 Left Tailgate, crosscuts 62 to 65. The squeeze affected the intake entry (a diagonal across a right-angle bend) and the bleeder entry adjacent to it. See the attached map. The squeeze area is part of a larger area, the recently completed longwall district, that we are in the process of sealing.

In the intake entry, floor heave reduced the entry height to less than four feet in localized areas and the roof in a twenty foot long stretch partially failed. The entry through the area has been traversed on foot a couple of times and the mine is in the process of protecting a travelway by building a series of cribs to make a safe walking/crawling route through it. The bleeder entry was essentially closed off by rib bursting and floor heave and is nearly impassable.

Trapped in by the squeeze are the following pieces of equipment: a power center, a sump tank, a dust pod, and a pickup truck. Because the intake entry affected by the squeeze was the only route through which this equipment can be recovered, it is necessary to leave the equipment. Rehabilitation of the intake entry for recovery of the equipment will expose miners to unnecessary hazards of continuing ground movement. Locations of the equipment are shown on the attached map.

Skyline Mine requests approval to abandon the equipment listed above. The battery and all fluids will be removed from the pickup truck prior to its abandonment. Should you have any questions or concerns about this request, please contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wesley K. Sorensen".

Wesley K. Sorensen
General Manager, Skyline Mine

att

cc: Vaughn Hughes, BLM

