



# United States Department of the Interior

## GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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July 10, 1981

Mr. Floyd J. Tucker  
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Dear Mr. Tucker:

By letter dated June 22, 1981, the State Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, with concurrence of the U.S. Geological Survey and the Office of Surface Mining, approved the mine projections in the Star Point No. 2 mine on Federal coal lease SL-031286 as requested in your letter of February 25, 1981. In our concurrence with this request we strongly recommended that entries be driven north and south and not driven west across the center of the block of coal unless absolutely required for exploration purposes.

By letter of July 1, 1981, you have requested that the above approved extension of the Star Point No. 2 mine be modified to allow for entries to be driven north and south from the existing workings and thence west instead of west through the middle of the block of coal. This conforms with our previous recommendations and should enhance maximum economic recovery of the resource. This proposed change involves only underground recovery of the coal resource, is considered to be a minor modification of an approved plan, and should have no additional affect on surface resources. Therefore, the mine plan modification proposed in your letter of July 1, 1981, with attached map, is approved subject to all existing lease terms and conditions.

This approved modification does not include the proposed breakout in Seeley Canyon in the Wattis seam. The previous approved breakout in Seeley Canyon was from the Middle seam in a different location.

Sincerely yours,

*Jackson W. Moffitt*

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 District Mining Supervisor

Enclosures

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