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Re: Cyprus/Plateau Mine ACT/007/006 Eagle nest monitoring

Dear Ms. Nielson:

Information gathered by an observer on February 21, 1989, indicates that the eagle pair in the mine area that contains the nest complex being monitored for activity is definitely exhibiting nesting behavior. Also, the pair appeared stressed by the presence of the observers. We are concerned that the disturbance of monitoring efforts may cause a failure of this apparent nesting. The purpose of the monitoring program was to determine the eagle pair reaction to the disturbances resulting from any surface subsidence caused by mining activities. We certainly do not want to enter any unnecessary bias into the data derived from the study.

Considering the above, we suggest that any further monitoring specified by the permit be foregone until the pair is firmly attached to the territory. Some time in mid-April we will examine the nesting activity and determine the course of action beyond that point.

This matter has been discussed with a member of your staff (Rick Smith). If any questions remain about this request please contact Clark D. Johnson (524-5649).

Sincerely,

Robert G. Ruesink  
State Supervisor

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