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Dear Dr. Nielsen,

**RE: NOV 92-26-2-1 - Refuse Pile**

Thank you for your consideration of the fact of the referenced violation. We are disappointed that the issue had to be resolved with a violation instead of by other means. However, we are aware that there are concerns with the construction of the refuse pile; we also have been concerned and have been planning to reevaluate the refuse pile construction.

The following plan is intended to provide a long term resolution of the Division's concerns, to provide a refuse pile that meets the requirements of the regulations and insure that the pile can be reclaimed at the end of mine life.

- 1- Evaluate drainage off of the pile during the interim. Since the pile is at different levels today, it will take several years to achieve one overall level to establish a permanent drainage plan.
  - A. Design a rock lined channel on the southwest corner of the pile to control drainage and divert it into the existing diversion ditch at the base of the pile. This is an interim step that will eventually be made inoperable by the permanent drainage plan.
- 2- Formulate an interim drainage plan to be implemented while the pile is being raised to an overall level where permanent drainage controls can be established.
- 3- A topographic survey will be performed to determine the current configuration of the pile.
- 4- A mass balance calculation will be made of the current pile and the estimated amount of refuse to be placed in the pile during the life of the mine.
- 5- A grading plan will be formulated.
  - A. To allow drainage off of the pile.
  - B. To allow for reclamation.

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- C. To reduce the slope angle, if possible, recognizing the mass balance calculations.
- 6- The interim and permanent plans will be implemented as soon as modifications to the permit are approved.

We hope this plan satisfies the Division. If you or your staff have suggestions, please contact me at 637-2875.

Respectfully,



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Sr. Environmental Engineer

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