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Mr. Lowell Braxton
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Dear Mr. Braxton,

Re: Permit Change Application - Gentry Mountain Air Shaft

A permit change application is being sent to your office on our behalf by Hansen, Allen and Luce, Consulting Engineers for an air shaft on Gentry Ridge. This air shaft is to provide a means to ventilate a "safe room" wherein miners can escape any kind of mine disaster on the far side of the graben crossing until rescue efforts can reach them. The shaft will be constructed in a similar fashion as a regular exploration hole, except the hole will be fitted with a steel casing left in place. The casing will provide protection so the drill hole does not collapse.

Through the air shaft, air, food, water and communications can be established with the miners that may be in the "safe room" until rescued. The air shaft will provide a much needed safety feature to our operation in conjunction with the Little Park Canyon breakout. The air shaft however, can be constructed in 1992 whereas the breakout will be about one and a half years away.

We appreciate your concern with the safety of our miners as exhibited in the meeting I have held with you and the Cyprus management team held with you recently on the breakout. This air shaft will greatly relieve the minds of many people.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Ben Grimes'.

Ben Grimes
Sr. Environmental Engineer

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