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Mr. Bill Malencik
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Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Dear Mr. Malencik,

RE: COVOL TECHNOLOGIES DRILLING

We are working with COVOL Technologies Inc., on a plan to utilize the Star Point Mine refuse material as feed stock for their briquetting process. COVOL would eventually either take over the refuse pile area under a SMCRA permit or other arrangements would be made. It is too early in the process to know the details, however, be assured that Cyprus and COVOL would work out the permitting issues.

This submittal is to seek approval of a drilling project by COVOL to test the refuse material for quality. COVOL is proposing to drill approximately 12 holes in the refuse pile and the old waste material area as shown on the attached map (portion of Map 521.121c). The drilling will cause no environmental degradation and will be conducted within the existing permit boundary. There will be no new disturbances or other permitting issues with this project. Drilling is scheduled to be completed by February 28, 1997, depending on weather and access to the areas.

Cyprus believes the COVOL process will ultimately utilize a large portion of the refuse material and reduce the environmental impacts of the refuse pile. The utilization of the waste for energy production will benefit the state and nation. We encourage the UDOGM to work with both COVOL and Cyprus in making the COVOL transition a success.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ben Grimes'.

Ben Grimes

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