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MEMORANDUM

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THROUGH: Dennis Downs, Director RL for DRD
Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste

FROM: Cheryl Prawl, Manager
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DATE: May 10, 1994

SUBJECT: Sunnyside Coal Mine Site Inspection

On March 30, 1994, the Sunnyside Coal Mine, now in bankruptcy, was visited jointly by staff members from the Division of Solid and Hazardous Waste and the Division of Oil Gas and Mining. This visit resulted from a telephone request from Oil Gas and Mining to help determine priorities, clean-up measures, and reclamation steps at the Sunnyside Mine. The purpose of this memorandum is to relate possible waste management concerns to the Division of Oil Gas and Mining, with respect to the various oils and chemicals now stored at the mine site for consideration in establishing reclamation priorities.

Staff members toured above-ground portions of the Sunnyside Mine during the course of the March 30th evaluation. They observed numerous containers of unused product and waste materials, some of which were leaking. Additionally, there were a number of areas of stained and contaminated soils, that will need to be remediated.

With respect to the various oils and chemicals presently stored at the site, we recommend that the materials be segregated and evaluated such that a determination can be made as to which of the materials meet the definition of hazardous waste, which are used oils and which are products that may potentially be used elsewhere for their intended purpose. Any containerized materials

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which are leaking should be overpacked or have the contents transferred to another container so as to minimize any potential effects on the environment.

After the containerized materials have been evaluated we suggest that areas of contaminated soils be evaluated starting with the larger more grossly contaminated areas. Any waste material found to meet the definition of hazardous waste as found in R315-2-9 and 10, must be transported off-site to a permitted treatment, storage, or disposal facility. All manifest requirements as found in R315-4 must also be followed if any hazardous waste is shipped off-site.

Although this memo doesn't provide any level of detail regarding waste management issues at the mine, we would be happy to assist the Division of Oil Gas and Mining in any practical way with evaluating potential reclamation problems with hazardous waste and used oil at the Sunnyside Mine. A video recording of the site was taken, and a copy can be provided to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining for use in reclamation of the site.

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