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Dear Sue:

After reviewing the water monitoring modifications that have been made it would appear that several other changes could also be made at this time which would complete the Surface Water Plan Revision.

First, in the left fork of Cedar Creek (as shown on Exhibit VII-1), U.S. Fuel monitors Cedar Creek at two locations - ST-6 and ST-6A. These monitoring locations were set up at a time when U.S. Fuel intended to mine the coal reserve to the west of the stream and operate the rail load out east of the stream. U.S. Fuel no longer owns the coal reserve to the west, plans to mine in this area or utilize the rail loadout. Therefore, we ask that we be allowed to delete stream monitoring stations ST-6 and ST-6A from the water monitoring program.

Next, in the right fork of Miller Creek (North Fork) U.S. Fuel monitors the North Fork at three different locations ST-2, ST-2A and ST-2B. The only disturbance in the right fork is a intake portal and small yard. All drainage from the yard is treated by sediment controls before flowing into the creek. We would like to request that station ST-2A be eliminated from our monitoring program for several reasons. First, the stream is already monitored just 400' upstream from this location. The chance that significant degradation would occur in this short of an interval at this remote location is very low. Second, fifty feet downstream from ST-2A water from the creek is diverted into a pipeline. Since the water is taken out of the stream and does not return to the stream, there appears to be little reason to monitor it at this location.



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I apologize for any inconvenience this request may cause you but it seems best to review the modification and plan completely before making revision to the mining and reclamation plan. Pending your review of this last request we are detaining the revised MRP submittal.

Sincerely,



Jean Semborski
Environmental Coordinator

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