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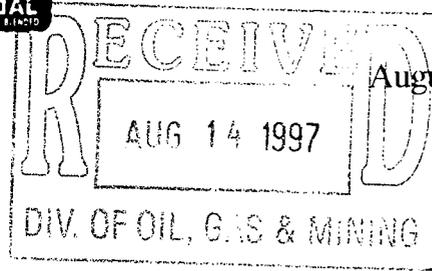
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Re: Chapter I Permit Amendment
Permit Number ACT/007/011 #2

Enclosed are seven copies of the Chapter I plan amendment to designate Hiawatha Coal Company, Inc. operator of the Hiawatha Complex. I anticipate an additional submittal soon to request a permit transfer. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Watson
President