

OGMCOAL - Re: Baseline sampling @ Hiawatha site

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Subject: Re: Baseline sampling @ Hiawatha site

April,

As you are aware, the parameters outlined in Table 7-15 exceed the statutory and regulatory requirements as does collecting baseline samples beyond the two years before mining commences. It is Hiawatha Coal Companies policy that we will not commit to anything beyond what is required in statute and regulations.

Hiawatha does however feel that it is in an operators best interest to exceed, in many areas, the data collection required by statute and regulations in order to more completely prove they are not causing any adverse impacts.

In light of this Hiawatha Coal Company will be testing for parameters beyond what we have committed to on all of our sampling sites. The actual parameters, timing, and frequency will be decided at our discretion based on what is most prudent for Hiawatha Coal Company. We feel the Division as done much work in trying to determine what parameters are relevant and how often they are needed for trending purpose and will consider all Division recommendations.

Mark

April Abate wrote:

Mark,

Thanks for contacting me about the baseline sampling request for the Hiawatha mine. Rather than the July 2009 date mentioned in the reports, would you be agreeable to conducting the sampling in October during low flow conditions for the parameters outlined in Table 7-15 of the MRP?

Let me know and thanks!
April

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