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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

Dear Mr. Smith:

You forwarded to this office on June 22, 1983, a two-volume mining and reclamation plan (MRP) for the proposed Wild Horse Ridge mine of the Beaver Creek Coal Company.

New 30 CFR 211 rules and regulations were published in the Federal Register, Vol. 47, No. 147 on Friday, July 30, 1982, with an effective date of August 30, 1982. By letter dated October 12, 1982, (copy attached) we informed the Beaver Creek Coal Company of the new 30 CFR 211 rules and the action required by this office. Specifically, paragraph 5, relates to this submittal, quote, "In any new permit application, the resource recovery and protection plan is to be submitted as a separate entity in the permit application package. Original maps and other related information need not be generated. Maps and other documents prepared for other sections in the application will be adequate providing they contain the required information. However, a copy of the relevant portion of such submittals must be included in the resource recovery and protection plan." A significant section of these rules, 30 CFR 211.10(b), addresses the requirements of new mine plan submittals. We attached to the October 12, 1982, letter, a checklist used by this office for reviewing "Resource Recovery and Protection Plans" (RRPP). A copy of this checklist is also attached to this letter.

The RRPP plan is the underground mining plan part of the permit application package, which must be approved by the Secretary before any operations can be started on Federal lands.

The instructional letter (October 12, 1982) was sent to Beaver Creek Coal Company over 7 months ago. We consider this ample time to comply with the new 30 CFR 211 rules. The plan is being returned so that you can have the Beaver Creek Coal Company revise it according to the new 30 CFR 211.10(b) rules. The RRPP plan part of the permit package should follow the format of the attached checklist.

We will require the Beaver Creek Coal Company to show Federal lease boundaries and serial numbers on their mining plan maps. Also, reserve figures must be included for each Federal lease. This is necessary as the Federal accounting system for coal leases is by the individual lease.

If necessary, we will discuss new mining plan submittals with you and representatives from the Beaver Creek Coal Company.

Sincerely yours,

Jackson W. Moffitt  
Mining Supervisor

Attachment

cc: BLM/Chrono w/o attachment  
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Beaver Creek Coal Co.  
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