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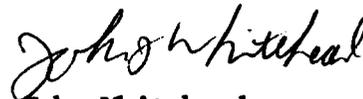
Re: UMC 817.49 Permanent and  
Temporary Impoundments

This memo is to document a phone conversation on January 26, 1984 with Scott Grace of the Western Technical Center, Office of Surface Mining, regarding the interpretation of "impoundment" as utilized in UMC 817.49.

During the drafting of the Gordon Creek #2 Technical Analysis a question arose regarding the truck water fillup area adjacent to the North Fork of Gordon Creek. The question revolved around whether this area constituted an impoundment and thus must comply with the requirements of UMC 817.49 or not.

In going over the definition of "impoundment" in UMC 700.5, Scott Grace and I both concluded that the truck water fill up area at the Gordon Creek #2 Mine was not a closed basin and thus did not meet the definition of "impoundment". The section under UMC 817.49 in the Gordon Creek # 2 draft Technical Analysis was therefore deleted.

A nearly identical situation exists at the Huntington #4 Mine on a much smaller scale with the cyclone water diversion. The language in Section 817.49 of the Huntington #4 Draft Technical Analysis will also be deleted from the Final Technical Analysis.

  
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