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Attn: John Whitehead

Dear Dianne:

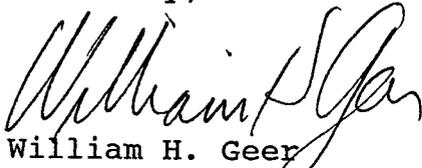
The Division has evaluated Beaver Creek Coal Company's revised (06-15-88) submission of a Mine and Reclamation Plan (MRP) for the proposed No. 8 Mine. We found no major deficiencies relative to wildlife, although two editorial changes would make the MRP more accurate at describing the existing wildlife resource. The following is offered for your consideration.

Page 4-17 (Recreation) - The reference to deer populations being low is inaccurate. Deer herds have improved to a position where they are considered as being high.

Page 4-17 (Past and Present Land Use) - "...this area has been used for deer hunting,..." should be changed to "...this area has been used for big game hunting and other wildlife oriented recreation,...".

Thank you for an opportunity to review the MRP and provide comment.

Sincerely,


William H. Geer
Director