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TO: Internal File

FROM: Ken W. Wyatt, Sr. Reclamation Specialist *KW*

RE: Processed Water Quality Data, Mountain Coal Company, Gordon Creek # 2 7 & 8, 007016-WQ00-3

The attached e-mail is in regards to the uploading of electronic water data into our APPX database.

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Attachment: E_Proc00-3A
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From: Ken Wyatt
To: "CHansen@archcoal.com".MAIL.MNET; Joe Helfrich; Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Date: 1/18/01 5:17PM
Subject: Gordon Creek 3rd Quarter Water Monitoring Data Processed

Hi Folks,

On January 18, 2001, I processed the 3rd quarter data for the Gordon Creek 2, 7 & 8 Mine into the main APPX database files. According to the cover E_letter from Chris Hansen dated December 28, 2000 (see below), the water samples for sites 2-2-W and 2-10-W were lost in transit to the IML laboratory in Farmington, NM. All other sites had no flow reported.

The following samples were processed into the main database.
NOF = No Flow

2-1-W NOF 20000823
2-2-W FLD 20000823 (field data only, sample lost)
2-7-W NOF 20000823
2-8-W NOF 20000823
2-9-W NOF 20000823
2-10-W FLD 20000823 (field data only, sample lost)
2-11-W NOF 20000823

No errors were noted with this data
If you have any questions, please contact me.
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Below is a copy of the December 28, 2000 E-letter from Chris Hansen used to submit this data.

Dear Pam:

EIS and I have uploaded to the EDI system the information currently available for the third quarter 2000 water monitoring results for the Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 Mines. I realize this is coming in after the fourth quarter water monitoring data was submitted for this property. That is my fault since I believed that I had submitted the third quarter data near the end of September. However, I submitted the second quarter data for the mines at that time, not the third quarter. Further, when Dan Guy brought to my attention the third quarter 2000 data had not been submitted, we noticed we had not received from either EIS or IML the complete water data for the monitoring sites. Both Dan and I asked EIS to track down the water data, field and chemistry, and send it to us as soon as possible. Mel Coonrod of EIS had the field data readily on hand but was not able to find the analytical data sheets for the two monitoring sites, 2-2-W and 2-10-W, where water samples were obtained. All other sites did not have surface flow. He called IML in Farmington, NM to obtain copies of the lab data sheets for the two samples. Apparently, they had not received the samples and, therefore, did not have analytical results for the two sites. Mr. Coonrod reviewed his files for the his copy of the chain-of-custody (COC) for the samples sent to IML. According to his copy of the COC, the samples were obtained on the 23 and 24 of August and shipped to IML on 24 of August by his employee, Dave Varner. He sent me a copy of the COC and a check stub indicating the

samples were mailed on the 24th of August at a cost of \$7.54. It appears the samples never arrived at their destination.

I take the responsibility for the lack of laboratory analytical data for these sites. I have been attempting to consolidate under my direct purview all of the water monitoring reporting for the Utah CFC and MCC locations since early this year. I missed this one at Gordon Creek Mines. In light of the recent problems we have had with water monitoring at the Gordon Creek Mines in the third and fourth quarter of this year, I will be making some changes in the how and who will do the monitoring at this site.

Please give me a call after you have reviewed the data and this letter.

Chris Hansen

CC: Dave Darby; Joe Helfrich; Sheila Morrison