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RE: 2005 Annual Report for Mountain Coal Company, LLC, Gordon Creek 2, 7, & 8
Mines, C/007/016

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Please find enclosed with this letter two copies each of the Mountain Coal Company, LLC Gordon Creek 2, 7, and 8 Mines 2005 Annual Report. The information contained within the Annual Report is, to the best our knowledge, current and correct. If you have any questions regarding the report, please call me at (435) 448-2669.

Sincerely:

Chris D. Hansen
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