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TO: File

FROM: Pamela Grubaugh-Littig *PGL*

RE: Gordon Creek #3 & #6 Smoke Tube Test for Portals,
ACT/007/017, Beaver Creek Coal Company, Carbon County,
Utah

Three (3) portals at Gordon Creek #3 & #6 were tested for air intake on May 28, 1986. Lee Spencer, (AML), Pamela Grubaugh-Littig, Jeff Cooper (Safety, BCCC), and Dan Guy (Engineer, BCCC) were present for the test. The centerline of the three portals was the point where holes were dug and then observed. Smoke hovered and did not move in all three of the holes. This lack of air movement indicates that the portals are probably adequately sealed with the backfill.

Dan Guy reiterated that the portals were backfilled about 50 feet, and the timbers had been pulled.

The backfilled Old National portals were then checked for gases. (These two (2) portals are west of the Gordon Creek #3 & #6 portals, on the other side of the hill). Oxygen and carbon monoxide were checked with drager tubes. These gases have lower readings now and indicate that the fire in the mine may be going out.

The results of these tests indicate that the Gordon Creek #3 & #6 portals are probably permanently sealed as well as the Old National portals. Therefore, the Division will not require Beaver Creek Coal Company to block seal the Gordon Creek #3 & #6 portals.

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cc: J. Whitehead
L. Spencer, AML
Dan Guy, BCCC