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Ms. Susan Linner
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RE: Vegetation Field Trial and
Spring Monitoring Sites
ACT/007/018
Soldier Canyon Mine

Dear Susan:

I am writing to request a letter of approval from the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining to stop any further monitoring activities of Spring 535 and to stop development of a fourth field trial site next to the substation on the bench above the mine facilities. The reason we want to stop monitoring Spring 535 is the area surrounding the spring has been checked three times this year and each time no flow or wet areas were noted. The area looks as though it could have been used for cattle years ago, but at the present time there is only a small 10 (ten) foot diameter depression that is vegetated similar to the surrounding area. This dropped spring would leave 4 (four) Springs, G-88, G-89, G-90, (S 8-1) and S 31-1, that will continue to be monitored.

The second request to drop the fourth field trial study is due in part with CFR 30 77.1103(d) and the size of the actual site. The federal regulation states that areas surrounding electric substations "shall be kept free from grass (dry), weeds, underbrush, and often combustible materials such as trash, rubbish, leaves and paper, for at least 25 feet in all directions". The small

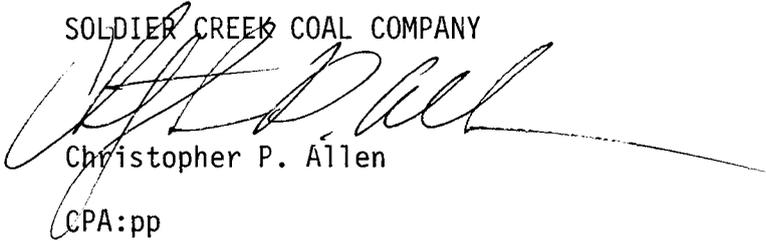
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area originally set aside for the field trial site would have to be further reduced to comply with the regulation. This reduction would severely limit and could bias the vegetation information from the site. There should be little, if any, drop in vegetative data collection by dropping this site.

If you have any questions or feel there will be a problem with these proposals please contact me.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY



Christopher P. Allen

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