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TO: File

FROM: Hugh Klein, Geologist/Hydrologist *HK*

RE: Blue Blaze Permitting

SUMMARY

On 13 May 1992, review of the pending Blue Blaze Coal Company (BBCC) PAP was given top priority. At that time, it was my understanding that BBCC needed to have a permit by 6 June 1992. Up to this point, my duties had been very limited on the project. Reviewing the geology section was my only responsibility in addition to providing some assistance to Tom Munson on ground-water issues. Tom Munson had been in charge of the hydrology up to 13 May 1992.

At the same time this PAP was given top priority, Tom Munson was at a TIPS training course in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania for the week. The following week he was scheduled to take vacation. As such, I became responsible for the hydrology with the exception of the baseline ground-water monitoring requirements and the CHIA. The purpose of noting these items is, although I understand certain circumstances were beyond anyone's control, it concerns me as to the way the final stages of this permit have been handled. Given the time frame I have been working within, I have done the best possible to take care of all the issues. Unfortunately, this time frame is, in my opinion, better suited to taking care of details rather than doing a full blown review. It should also be noted that last Friday (22 May 1992) the deadline was moved up to 1 June 1992.

In general, from my point of view, I do not believe that this permit has been handled well by the operator or the Division. Many issues could have been resolved before now, thereby eliminating much of the present crisis. In no way should this memorandum be construed to point a finger at anyone, rather it is intended to register my concern and hopefully, prevent this from occurring again.