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Ms. Pamela Grubaugh-Littig
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of PEO
[Redacted]*

Dear Ms. Grubaugh-Littig:

Lodestar Energy, Inc. respectfully requests a waiver on a portion of the fourth quarter water sampling due to inaccessibility. Samples were completed for GV-70, SP-1, SP-2, SS-3, SS-5 and the North Fork of Gordon Creek upper and lower flows prior to the first large snowfall of the season. The remaining sites were inaccessible from late October through present. The present inaccessibility was witnessed by our mine inspector – Bill Malencik on his last site visit. We do not believe the situation will change between now and the end of the year.

If you have any questions concerning this issue, feel free to contact myself at (435)637-9200 or (435)448-9454.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David B. Miller".

David B. Miller
Business Manager

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