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Dear Dr. Nielson:

The Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE), Western Technical Center (WTC) has received the December 10, 1985, Water Monitoring Amendment submittals from Beaver Creek Coal Company regarding water monitoring changes proposed for Gordon Creek #2 and #7 mines, C.V. Spur Loadout #3 and #9, and Huntington #4 mines. These are permit Nos. ACT/007/016, ACT/007/022, and INA/015/022, respectively. Your transmittal letter of December 24, 1985, indicated that WTC should review the materials and communicate any comments to your staff.

Vernon Maldonado, project leader of WTC's Mine Plan Review Branch, discussed our review findings on January 24, 1986, with Mr. Dave Wham of your office. It is our understanding that no major changes to the water monitoring programs for these mines are being proposed and that in most cases either the need for much of the data has diminished or the need for frequent sampling has diminished since several of the areas being monitored have been reclaimed. Also, it is our understanding that much of the existing monitoring data collection was not required under the approved permits. Based upon these factors and your detailed review evaluation, we will support your decision regarding these proposed changes.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in the review of this submittal.

If you have any further questions, please contact Vernon Maldonado or Richard Holbrook of my staff at (303) 844-2451.

Sincerely,

Mel Shilling

Melvin L. Shilling, Chief
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