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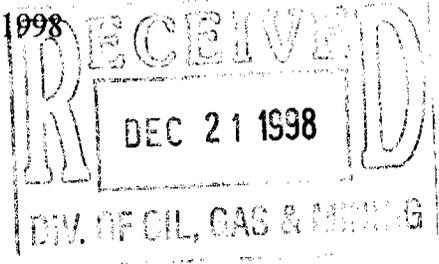
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Re: Barn Canyon Culvert

Dear Johnny:

To follow up with our field examination of the proposed Barn Canyon crossing located between your coal storage piles at the Willow Creek Preparation Plant, it is my opinion that a Joint Permit Application is not necessary. I would encourage you to use the best management practices with regards to the installation of this culvert, and would recommend a plunge pool be constructed at the outlet end of the culvert to help dissipate the energy and downstream erosion.

I appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and review this matter. Should you have other questions, or if I can be of any further assistance, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mark P. Page'.

Mark P. Page
Regional Engineer

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