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Ms. Catherine V. Chachas
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Dear Ms. Chachas:

I have recently been placed in charge of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining's exploration section. I received a letter in a round-about fashion, which I would rather have had sent to me directly. It pertains to your Gentry Mountain drilling project. I would like to request that you remember the Division in all future matters regarding coal mining and exploration.

Step-out holes proposed in your letter to Mr. Jackson Moffit of March 17, 1981, are in compliance with Division regulations subject to Forest Service permitting requirements. However, the access to Township 9 will also be subject to Forest Service road permit regulations. As I understand the matter, these Class III roads to both sites, Township 3 and Township 9, have been planned with CFR 816.170-.176 in mind and will be governed accordingly.

After talking with Mr. Ira Hatch of the U. S. Forest Service in Price on Monday, April 6, I became more familiar with the situation. I believe that Forest Service approval will be based upon an inspection to be carried out in May or June depending on weather conditions. I hope that I or a member of our staff will be available to participate on that visit. If you have any questions or would like to clear up any misunderstanding you may feel I have on the project, please get in touch with me. Thank you.

Sincerely,

THOMAS N. TETTING
ENGINEERING GEOLOGIST

cc: Ira Hatch, USFS, Price

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