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Ms. Mary Ann Wright
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DIVISION OF
OIL, GAS & MINING

Re: Fish & Wildlife Studies
Permanent Program Compliance
ACT/015/022

Dear Ms. Wright:

We have received the Division's recommended Consultation Procedures for Fish & Wildlife Studies under the permanent program. After reviewing these procedures, it is evident that this new program is designed to meet the requirements of Sections MC 779.20 and MC 783.20.

Hidden Valley Mine, after consulting with you, contacted the Division of Wildlife Resources concerning the development of a comprehensive wildlife study for the mine site. On August 24, 1979, the completed report was received. This report was very thorough and addresses Sections MC 779.20, MC 783.20 and MC 784.21. Some of the areas covered by this report are:

- Description of existing species.
- Threatened and endangered wildlife and their habitats.
- Eagles and other migratory birds.
- High interest wildlife and their high value habitats.

This report also covers postmining reclamation recommendations.

I feel that this report is very adequate and will meet the requirements outlined in your Consultation Procedures for Fish and Wildlife Studies. It appears to be very superfluous developing an additional wildlife report, that would be required under your new program. This would be a complete waste of time for the Division of Wildlife Resources, Soldier Creek Coal Company, and the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

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It is my intention to include this report in our permanent program when it is submitted. This wildlife report adequately covers the subject in my opinion.

Sincerely,

SOLDIER CREEK COAL COMPANY
Hidden Valley Mine



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Project Engineer

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