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SUBJECT: Hidden Valley Coal Company NOV N91-26-8-2

Dear Mr. Braxton:

JBR Consultants Group, as Hidden Valley Coal Company's representative, is requesting an extension to implement the approved Abatement Plan for NOV N91-26-8-2. The existing implementation date is February 28, 1993, as stated in your January 29, 1993 letter to Lee Edmonson. The extension is requested because the specific environmental conditions in the Plan under which implementation would occur have still not been met.

In the above-mentioned letter, you indicated that the Division biologist had determined that the site was suitable for seeding as of January 26. However, a visit by JBR on January 28th indicated that the agreed upon conditions for seeding were only met for a portion of the area to be revegetated (the road fill). Elsewhere on the site (the road surface and buffer zones), snow cover and saturated soil conditions precluded revegetation according to the conditions set forth in the Plan.

Subsequent to that time, low temperatures have prevailed over the region, and three separate, significant snow storms have occurred. An insufficient window of time has elapsed to allow for snow melt, drying of the soil, and mobilization of crews. JBR therefore requests that an extension be granted until March 15th, at which time site conditions will be reassessed. Thank you for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Karla Knoop
 Hydrologist

Copy: Mr. Thomas Mitchell, Esquire
 Mr. Lee Edmonson
 Mr. Joseph Jarvis, JBR Consultants