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*Incoming*  
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Re: Hidden Valley Mine  
Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Exploration  
Additional Information

Dear Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig:

Please consider this additional information, per Steve Christensen of your staff, pertaining to the above mentioned submittal. The additional data replaces page 3 (text) in the approved Notice of Intent to Conduct Minor Exploration. Additional language was added pertaining to the treatment of discharge water encountered during drilling. This revised page supersedes the one submitted on October 17, 2006. Currently Consol has drilled holes HV-06-1 and HV-06-3 and is currently completing hole HV-06-2. Due to the groundwater encountered, Consol will complete the 3 holes as water monitoring wells per page 8 of the approved NOI.

We are submitting three copies of the additional information. A fourth copy has been forwarded to your Price field office.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please call me at (618) 625-6850.

Sincerely,

John Geffert  
Environmental Engineer

CC: Steve Demczak – DOGM-Price Field Office -with attachments

**TABLE 1**

Summary of Estimated Drill Hole Locations and Depths<sup>(a)</sup>

Drill Hole Number	Northing	Easting	Approx. Elev. (ft)	Estimated Depth (ft)
HV-06- 01	2,058,903	175,945	6006	447
HV-06- 02	2,057,873	173,806	6063	492
HV-06- 03	2,060,829	177,587	6041	430
HV-06- 04	2,060,671	175,548	6048	411
HV-06- 05	2,062,095	173,298	6164	437
HV-06- 06	2,062,970	177,141	6119	379
HV-06- 07	2,063,089	175,356	6199	437
HV-06- 08	2,064,482	177,570	6080	254
HV-06- 09	2,065,102	176,411	6198	340

<sup>(a)</sup> Total estimated depths include 30 feet of drilling beneath target seam floor.

***Period of Intended Exploration:***

Planned startup date: August 15, 2006  
Planned completion date: December 15, 2006

It is anticipated that all drilling and reclamation activities associated with this project will be completed within 90 days following the date of implementation. However, given the high demand for drilling services the actual startup date may be pushed back from the intended start in August, thereby delaying the completion date. All holes will be sealed and the associated disturbed areas reclaimed within two weeks of completion.

***Method of Exploration:***

Drilling Methods: The method of exploration to be used is rotary/core drilling. Support equipment will include a water truck, flatbed truck to haul pipe and materials, a down-hole geophysical logging truck, pickup trucks to transport personnel, and equipment to reclaim the drill sites once drilling is complete.

It is anticipated that each hole will be rotary drilled to within approximately 20 feet of the top of the "A" coal seam, at which time the rest of the hole will be cored to a depth approximately 5 feet below the "A" seam. Drilling will be accomplished without the aid of drilling fluids if possible, using a contractor experienced in rotary and core drilling. If drilling mud is required, a portable mud pit will be used. Subsurface water will be discharged at the surface through a cuttings separator, a settling tank, and/or a mechanical filter in accordance with the requirements of the Utah Division of Water Quality (see Appendix E).