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Kerry Goodballet, Director of Permitting
CONSOL Mining Company, LLC
1000 CONSOL Energy Drive
Canonsburg, Pennsylvania 15317

Subject: 2013 Annual Report Review Completion, Hidden Valley Mine, C/015/0007, Task #4522

Dear Ms. Goodballet:

The Division staff has completed the review of the 2013 Annual Report. Enclosed is a copy of the review with each reviewer's comments.

During the annual report review, the Division staff identified an issue that should be addressed. Three monitoring wells were constructed adjacent to the Hidden Valley Mine in 2006 (HV 06-01, HV 06-02 and HV 06-03). The monitoring wells were completed during a minor coal exploration project. The three monitoring wells are not identified in the approved Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP). The exploration was performed and the wells constructed under a minor coal exploration permit that over the years, has been updated to reflect the on-going status of the monitoring wells.

It's the Division's understanding that for several years, baseline ground-water monitoring was being conducted at these three monitoring wells in anticipation of potential mining activity at the Hidden Valley Mine. As mining activity at CONSOL Mining Company, LLC properties in Utah has been idle since approximately 2010, the Division requests that the status of the three monitoring wells be addressed and if necessary, amend the approved MRP and/or minor coal exploration permit.

Please contact myself (801) 538-5325 or Steve Christensen (801) 538-5350 at your earliest convenience to discuss. Thank you for your diligence in completing the Annual Report

Sincerely,

Daron R. Haddock
Coal Program Manager

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Enclosure
cc: John Gefferth
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Annual Report

This Annual Report shows information the Division has for your mine. Submit the completed document and any additional information identified in the Appendices to the Division by the date specified by the cover letter. During a complete inspection an inspector will check and verify the information.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Company Name	CONSOL Mining Company LLC	Mine Name	Hidden Valley Mine
Permit Number	C/015/0007	Permit expiration Date	01/29/2017
Operator Name	CONSOL Mining Company LLC	Phone Number	+1 (724) 485-4267
Mailing Address	1000 CONSOL Energy Drive	Email	kerrygoodballet@consolenergy.com
City	Canonsburg		
State	PA	Zip Code	15317

DOGM File Location or Annual Report Location

Excess Spoil Piles

- Required
 Not Required

Refuse Piles

- Required
 Not Required

Impoundments

- Required
 Not Required

Other:

OPERATOR COMMENTS

REVIEWER COMMENTS

- Met Requirements Did Not meet Requirements

The Hidden Valley Mine site is inactive and partially reclaimed. No facilities are on site with the exception of a couple of sedimentation structures and a mine identification sign. Three (3) exploration holes HV-06-01, HV-06-02 and HV-06-3 were drilled in 2006 and remain in place. The holes are capped and experienced artesian flows during there development. These holes are not identified in the (MRP) Mining and Reclamation Plan, but are referenced under an minor exploration plan. Consol wanted to leave these holes in place with the potential to gather baseline water monitoring information to begin the permitting requirements of opening the Hidden Valley Mine. (KRH)

FUTURE COMMITMENTS AND CONDITIONS

The following commitments are not required for the current annual report year, but will be required by the permittee in the future as indicated by the "status" field. These commitments are included for information only, and do not currently require action. If you feel that the commitment is no longer relevant or needs to be revised, please contact the Division.

Title: RECLAMATION OF AREA "A"

Objective: To complete reclamation of Hidden Valley.

Frequency: To be completed within a few years of the 1997 reclamation of Area B, based on vegetation analysis of reclamation area "B".

Status: Deferred for the remainder of the permit term (renewal in January of 2017).

Reports: As built and vegetation monitoring.

Citation: MRP, Page 2-97B

OPERATOR COMMENTS (OPTIONAL)

The mine site provides access to enter the "A" seam coal reserve. CONSOL requests that the deferred status continues until the end of the permit term.

REVIEWER COMMENTS

REPORTING OF OTHER TECHNICAL DATA

Please list other technical data or information that was not included in the form above, but is required under the approved plan, which must be periodically submitted to the Division.

Please list attachments:

Reviewer Comments

MAPS

Copies of mine maps, current and up-to-date, are to be provided to the Division as an attachment to this report in accordance with the requirements of R645-301-525.240. The map copies shall be made in accordance with 30 CFR 75.1200 as required by MSHA. Mine maps are not considered confidential.

Map Name	Map Number	Included		Confidential	
		Yes	No	Yes	No
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Reviewer Comments Met Requirements Did Not Meet Requirements

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