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Attention: Mr. John Whitehead

RE: Inaccessible Water Monitoring Stations
Trail Mountain No.9 Mine
ACT/015/009-88C; #2
Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Braxton:

In response to Mr. Whitehead's letter of 9/26/88, Beaver Creek Coal Co. is submitting a proposal to establish a new underground monitoring station to replace UG-1, which is no longer accessible.

In order to address all the requirements of the September 26 and August 2 letters from Mr. Whitehead, each item is addressed separately below:

UG-1 - Station UG-1 will be replaced by station UG-2. UG-2 will be monitored at the same frequency and for the same (operational) parameters as UG-1. The location of UG-2 is in the new Main West section of the mine, and is shown on attached Figure 7-9. The flows at the new station are expected to be less than 1 gpm. *baseline!*

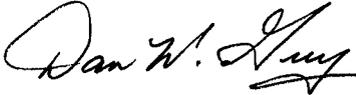
TM-2 - Well TM-2 has been monitored from 1985 through 1987, and therefore has met requirements for baseline data. It is not proposed to replace this well at this time. The present mining section is advancing to the west and will likely be involved in pillar operations; therefore, a drill hole in this area would also probably be rendered inaccessible in the future. The main entries are projected to drive to the south along the western boundary. This will still place future workings in the area of proposed well TM-3. This well will be drilled as required, when mining reaches the proposed site.

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In-Mine Inventory - No water has been discharged from the mine during the first 3 quarters of 1988. The low flows for UG-1 measured in 1987 (less than 0.1 gpm) and the nearly static water level of TM-2 indicate a very low (or even static) mine in-flow condition. Minor drippers have been encountered in the new Main West Section, and although flows are also very small, it is proposed to monitor the one site where the greater quantity and most consistent roof "leakers" occur - this will be station UG-2. The mine is also advancing down-dip, and as a result, will likely show an increase in the amount of water encountered.

It is our hope this proposal meets with your approval. If you have any questions, or need any further information, please let me know.

Respectfully,



Dan W. Guy
Manager Permitting/Compliance

cc: Johnny Coffey
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