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Re: Deficiency Response to the Reconstruction Plan of Revegetation Demonstration Sites Emery Deep Mine, Permit ACT/015/015

Dear Mr. Hedberg:

In response to your deficiency letter dated March 11, 1987 regarding the above referenced permit modification, the following response is submitted.

1. A review of our files indicates that the proposal to soil sample the revegetation plots in 1984 was never implemented. As a result of this omission, Consol proposes to soil sample the revegetation plots as described in the original Test Site Plan (Third Submittal) during the week of April 20, 1987. This soil sampling would coincide with our schedule to reconstruct these test sites. The results of analysis would then be forwarded to D.O.G.M. in June of 1987.

2. All future soil sampling analysis will include phosphorus and saturation percentage.

3. Based upon your concern, Consol proposes to change the irrigation application rate to two inches every 10 to 14 day irrigation schedule. This schedule and rate would be followed until the 1987 soils data was available so as to further analyze a potential salinity problem. Upon review of the soil data, a revised irrigation schedule would be submitted for your approval.

4. Consol requests an interim approval of the above deficiency responses and the previously submitted reconstruction plan so as to allow implementation by the week of April 20, 1987. We feel that we are approaching the optimum time based on weather conditions to implement this project.

Should you require any additional information, please feel free to contact us. Your timely response regarding this issue is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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