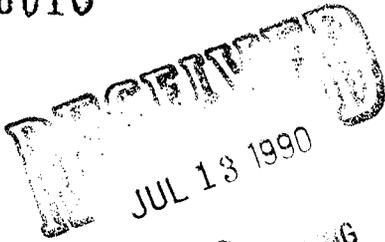


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RE: Temporary Cessation

Dear Mr. Haddock:

Due to poor market conditions, Consolidation Coal Company has been forced to idle its Emery underground mine (Permit ACT 015/015). Consequently, we are asking for a Temporary Cessation of Operations status for the mine. Although production will cease, the mine will be maintained in a "ready" state.

During the period of cessation, all required environmental activities such as NPDES sampling, impoundment and refuse inspections, sampling of monitor wells, etc. will be continued throughout the 5,180 permitted surface acres. To date, only 40 acres have been disturbed and there are no current reclamation obligations.

In addition, the Division approved a Waste Disposal Site for the mine last year. Because bid proposals exceeded the monies budgeted for this project, new bid packages were being prepared. Since the mine is currently idle, we intend to delay the project to avoid disturbing a new area and adding to the reclamation liability. Consol will continue to inspect the existing refuse pile for any environmental concerns. Once mining resumes, we will proceed with the project.

Enclosed is a map which shows the extent of mining in the "I" seam.

If you have any questions, please contact Dee Bray at the mine (286-2301).

Sincerely,

Kevin L. Cheeks
Supervisor-EQC

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Enclosure