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CC: Pam Grubaugh-Littig
Dennis,

Due to safety concerns, the Division decided to postpone the Phase I bond release inspection for the remote portals at the Des-Bee-Dove Mine. We will work with you about rescheduling the inspection.

I talked with Pam about using photos and she insists on an on the ground inspection.

One suggestion is that we conduct a Phase I and Phase II bond release inspection at the same time. The joint inspection should not cause any delay in the timing of the final bond release. From what I understand the work was complemented in 2000. Phase I and Phase II bond release could be conducted at the same time. Phase III bond release could occur in 2010.

For Phase III bond release you will need to provide 2 back to back years of vegetation data. Therefore, we could work together to do the vegetation studies in connection with the bond release inspections. To cut down on the number of trips to the portals on suggestion is to do the first vegetation studies and Phase I and Phase II bond release in 2009.

One suggestion from staff members is to do the inspections when you have access to a helicopter. Thus eliminating the need to hike to the site.

An extreme plan would be to do a Phase I, Phase II and Phase III bond release inspection in 2010. The big risk would be if there was a problem then regulatory agencies would not have the opportunity to comment until the final bond release inspection.

Dennis, I hope that you had fun on your vacation. Please call me if you have any questions.

Wayne