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Chuck Semborski, Environmental Supervisor
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Re: Abandonment of Mining Machinery, PacifiCorp, Deer Creek Mine, ACT/0015/018, Outgoing File

Dear Mr. Semborski:

Thank you for your recent submittal (April 5, 2000) which more fully describes the equipment what was abandoned underground at the Deer Creek Mine. The information allowed us to better analyze the potential for impacts as a result of the abandonment. Your submittal indicates that the only mining equipments left from the 11th east longwall, were the conveyor line pans with face and gob side accessories consisting of toe plates, clevises, cable trays, bretby tray, spill plates and dynatrac castings. We agree that abandonment of this equipment should have no more impact to the hydrologic balance than the roof support systems utilized in the mine. Thank you again for providing the information that allowed us to complete this determination.

This concludes our review of this particular abandonment, however, we take exception to your statement which indicates that abandonment of mining machinery is not within the jurisdiction of the Division and that such information may be denied to the Division in the future. The abandonment of anything by the mine that could potentially impact the hydrologic balance is certainly within the Division's purview. Regulations that support this view are found at R645-301-737 and R645-301-750. We would be happy to discuss this further if you so desire.

If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

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 Permit Supervisor

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