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Mr. Steven E. Kochevar, P. E.  
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JUL 18 2001

Re: Confirmation of Approval to General Modification of the Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2), 8th East Gate Entries, Deer Creek Mine

Dear Mr. Kochevar:

In a letter dated June 26, 2000, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) issued an approval to a submitted modification to the approved R2P2 for the north Rilda Canyon area at the subject mine. In that approval, a general modification was granted for the east extent of longwall development entries due to the unknown areas where outcrop burn occur. That general modification authorized Interwest to mine the 15<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> East development entries to the extent of the minable coal without submitting individual modifications for each development entry set. This letter is to confirm approval for the 8<sup>th</sup> East gate entry length.

On July 9, 2001, Interwest informed personnel at this office that the 8<sup>th</sup> East gate road entries had encountered burned coal inby crosscut 45. BLM inspected the area the following day and witnessed the burn in the faces. The coal had been replaced and the upper roof strata was oxidized and fractured, having caved far back with large voids. Further mining would not be able to support the roof inby and BLM agrees that no further advance could occur. We agree with halting the 8<sup>th</sup> East gate road entries and locate the longwall set-up room at crosscut 44.

As per the general modification approved on June 26, 2000, Interwest has notified the BLM of the final length of the 8<sup>th</sup> East gate entries due to encountering burned coal. BLM grants the request to halt the development of the 8<sup>th</sup> East entries at crosscut 45 and begin mining the longwall set-up entries at crosscut 44 based on the observed conditions. This letter confirms the verbal approval granted during the inspection. The modification complies with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended, the regulations at 43 CFR 3480, the lease terms and conditions, and maximum economic recovery of the Federal coal will be achieved.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk of my staff at (435) 636-3600.

Sincerely,

**/s/ THOMAS E. RASMUSSEN**

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Enclosure

Approved Mine Map

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- WEAKLY ALTERED ROCKS
- MODERATELY BURNED RDC
- INTENSELY BURNED ROCKS

