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Re: Minor Modification of Resource Recovery and Protection Plan (R2P2),
 Configuration of 3rd Right Longwall, Hiawatha Seam, Deer Creek Mine.

Dear Mr. Kochevar:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) received, on October 30, 2002, a request from Interwest Mining Company to change the approved R2P2 at the subject mine. The modification letter included a number of requests. This response deals with the configuration of the 3rd Right longwall panel, Hiawatha Seam, North Rilda Canyon area. The area in question is located on Federal coal leases U-06039, SI-051221, U-2810, and U-024317.

As part of the original submission of October 30, 2002, reference was made to possible changes in the configuration of the 3rd Right longwall panel based on exploratory drilling. However, the drilling indicated a minable panel and the configuration and extraction of the panel proceeded as originally planned, requiring no change to the R2P2. (This letter confirms earlier verbal conversations.)

If you have any questions, please contact Stephen Falk at the Price Field Office (435) 636-3605 or Jeff McKenzie of my staff at (801) 539-4038.

Sincerely,

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Chief, Solid Minerals

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