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To: "Charles.Semborski@PacifiCorp.com".mime.MNET; Jeff_McKenzie@blm.gov
Date: 10/26/2005 3:42:38 PM
Subject: Re: Joes Valley Fault Drilling Plan

Chuck,

Attached herewith is an E-mail received from Steve Rigby, giving BLM and FS consent to the in-mine drill holes proposed by Energy West Mining Company to tag the Joes Valley fault from the Mill Fork coal tract (ML 48258). Please note Mr. Rigby's recommendation that additional holes be drilled from the first location (14th West) at 45 degree angles to better define the bearing of the fault before much more mining occurs. Also, Mr. Rigby advises that encroachment drilling (off SITLA lease) of federal lands shall be considered "casual use" by the BLM and FS provided that Energy West Mining Company provides BLM with a copy of all of the drill hole logs and data. I am providing DOGM a courtesy notice of this action by telephone and via copy of this E-mail. No further permits are required by SITLA. Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for your notification.

>>> "Semborski, Chuck" <Charles.Semborski@PacifiCorp.com> 10/20/05 9:39 AM >>>

Jeff & John,

Enclosed is copy of the proposed in-mine drilling plan to identify the location of the Joes Valley fault. If you have any questions please call.

<<Proposed Underground Drilling for Joes Valley Fault101905.doc>>

<<Joes Valley Fault Underground Drilling101905.dwg>>

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Date: 10/26/2005 3:26:44 PM
Subject: Joes Valley Fault In-Mine Drilling Proposal

John,

The BLM and the Forest Service have reviewed the request from Energy West Mining Company to drill in-mine to locate the Joes Valley fault and agree with the proposal. We would like to suggest that additional holes be drilled from the first location (14th West) at 45 degree angles (still in-seam) to the Northwest and to the Southwest in order to better define the bearing of the fault. With these three holes each tagging the fault, the fault line could be defined enough to enable mine plan changes (if applicable) to the next gateroad (15th West) and the subsequent length of the extractable panel. By waiting until 15th West and 16th West are completed before drilling to the fault, some coal may become lost that may have otherwise been included in these panels. It would still be wise to drill the holes in 15th and 16th West just to ensure the fault direction is consistent. If it looks like a mine plan change is warrantable from the drill holes in 14th, then the process of acquiring the coal can begin sooner.

As this exploration would have no surface impact, have no coal extracted, and be considered "casual use", no further BLM or Forest Service approval is required. However, Energy West Mining Company would be required to supply to the BLM any data collected.

Please call with any questions.

Thanks,

S. Rigby

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