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March 21, 1985

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DIVISION OF OIL
GAS & MINING

RE: NOV 85-4-8-2

Dear Mr. Lof:

Co-Op Mining requests that the above mentioned violation be vacated based on:

(#1) "1 of 2" On the request of yourself, Co-Op Mining Co. was attempting to repair evidence of a "pre-law" gully where the disturbed drainage off the upper pad drops off the hill. In the course of this work, the old portal was discovered. The location of this portal and the extent of these works were not known to Co-Op and it was felt advantageous to explore and map these works in order to conduct mining safely in the overlying seam. It was also a commitment in Co-Op's MRP to map all old works within and adjacent to the permit area.

When I was informed of the situation at 8:00 AM on 2/27/85, I called Mr. Ron Daniels and explained what had transpired. It was my understanding that Co-Op had permission to maintain this entry to the extent outlined in the attached letter.

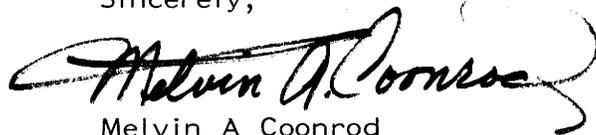
Co-Op will provide a detailed plan of the old works and at your request, a modification to the MRP for future plans for this area. Work has started on this and Co-Op requests 30 days to complete said plans from this date (3/20/1985).

(#2) "2 of 2" "Failure to maintain sed controls"
On 2/26/85 I called the Division and indicated that in order to maintain sediment controls, I temporarily had to divert the drainage

from this culvert into the undisturbed ditch in order to thaw an ice obstruction. I spoke personally to you, and as I remember, you suggested that I submit a plan. This was not a viable alternative due to the urgent nature of the problem and I requested to speak with Mr. Joe Helfrich. I was informed the Mr. Helfrich was in a meeting and would return my call within the hour. Mr. Helfrich has not as of yet returned my call. After some three hours, I diverted the flow into the clear water ditch after I was confident no disturbed runoff could reach the creek due to the presence of both a silt fence and a straw dam. To my knowledge none did!

In the event you do not concur with the request to vacate the NOV, Co-Op Mining requests the assessment conference be waived and a board hearing set at the earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melvin A. Coonrod". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Melvin A Coonrod
Permitting & Compliance
Co-Op Mining Co.

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Enclosures

cc: D. Neilson
J. Helfrich

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February 27, 1985

Ron Daniels
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RE: Phone Conversation 2/27/85

Dear Ron:

As we discussed, Co-Op, in doing some crawler tractor work in the main disturbed drainage below the fan portal, uncovered an old portal in the Hiawatha seam. The existence of these old works in this area were unknown to Co-Op Mine until this time. MSHA have approved mine personel to enter these works to map and survey their extent. In order to facilitate this work, CO-Op wishes to leave this entry open until such work is complete, at which time a plan for sealing or maintaining this area will be supplied to the Division.

Where the portal is in a disturbed area with controlled hydrology, Co-Op anticipates no possible damage to the environment.

No additional action will be taken at this site until I receive the Division's approval.

A map is being prepared which will give the exact location of the portal and will be sent to your attention as soon as it is complete.

Sincerely,

Melvin A. Coonrod
Permitting and Compliance

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