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Wendell Owen
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Re: Quality and Consistency of Water Quality Monitoring Reports, Co-Op Mining Company, Bear Canyon Mine, ACT/015/025, File #2, Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Owen:

Recent evaluation of quarterly water monitoring reports has revealed quality problems which are re-occurring at your mine. This letter is to inform you of the Coal Regulatory Program's (CRP) expectations regarding the quality and consistency of quarterly water monitoring reports submitted to the Division and to ask your cooperation in correcting the situation.

Many quarterly water monitoring reports that we have received have been incomplete, incorrect, or inconsistent and thus, unacceptable. Currently, CRP personnel managing the database spend at least 15 to 20 hours per week attempting to correct, interpret, research and read the results of careless or negligent work. Specific problems are that field data are not submitted with lab data sheets as follows.

Bear Canyon Mine:

- SBC-3, R. Fork Well:
05-28-91 Need field & lab data sheets.
- SBC-4, Huntington Springs:
05-31-95 Need lab sheets.
08-23-95 Need lab sheets.
10-18-95 Need lab sheets.

Beginning with the next set of water monitoring reports submitted by your company which are incomplete or inaccurate, the reports will be rejected as unacceptable and returned to

Water Quality Monitoring

ACT/015/025

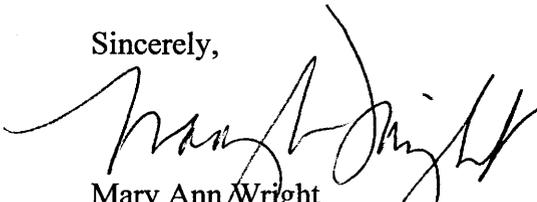
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you for correction. We are hopeful that it will not reach a point of continued submittal of erroneous quarterly reports, but if needed, the situation will be interpreted by us as one of noncompliance.

Submission of high quality accurate reports will reflect highly of your company and will allow the Division to maintain its water quality database in a more professional manner. Thank you in advance for correcting these problems. Please contact me at 801-538-5306, or Ken Wyatt at 801-538-5266 to discuss any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



Mary Ann Wright
Associate Director of Mining

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