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Mr. Jack Higgins
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Dear Mr. Higgins:

As a follow up to our meeting of March 15, 1985 at the office of the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, I would like to outline the conclusions that were reached regarding your sand and gravel operation, which overlaps the Blackhawk Coal Mine area.

First, you have agreed to collect any maps which indicate the area disturbed by previous coal mining operations and provide them to the Division. The Division will then use these maps, and any maps from their files, to determine the area which is subject to its regulatory responsibility. Representatives from the Division's bonding and inspection staff will meet with you on-site this next week to delineate the area of disturbance related to coal operations.

Once the disturbed area of the coal mine has been determined, the Division will require a bond in the amount which would be necessary for the state to reclaim the area. Subsequent to the posting of that bond, or contemporaneously, a plan for the maintenance of the previously disturbed area as an inactive coal mine must be submitted to the Division. The coal mine area must be maintained, and will be inspected, in accordance with Coal Program Permanent Program Performance Standards.

As required by the cessation order issued by the Division on March 1, 1985, there must be no further disturbance of the coal mine area (as will be determined by the maps indicated above) including dirt work or the removal or construction of buildings. If coal or non-coal related operations are to be conducted in the coal mine area, you must file a plan of operations, and receive approval of the plan, prior to conducting the work.

I am confident that we can work out the details of the bond and the inactive status (maintenance) plan so as to allow you to begin on your sand and gravel operation as soon as possible.

Best regards,

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