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Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

Re: Bowie No. 2 Mine (Permit No. C-1996-083)
Technical Revision No. 85 (TR- 85)
Third Adequacy Review

Dear Mr. Bear:

The Division has reviewed the response provided by J.E. Stover & Associates, Inc. on behalf Bowie Resources, LLC (BRL) to the Division's second round of adequacy concerns with TR-85 for the Bowie No. 2 Mine. The revision proposes to establish a gob drying area on Gob Pile #2. All of our concerns with the application materials have been resolved.

During our site visit on April 09, 2014, we discussed the need for increased monitoring of the vibrating wire piezometers (VWPs) on Gob Pile #2 for a period of time to verify that pore pressures in the pile are not increasing. The discussion indicated that monthly monitoring during active placement would assist in determining any changes in pore pressure. Please respond to this letter with a commitment to monitor the VWPs on Gob Pile #2 on a monthly basis at least through October of this year. At that point, we will review the data and determine whether it would be appropriate to return to a quarterly frequency.

Also discussed during the site visit was the need for additional VWPs installed in Gob Pile #2. It is our understanding that BRL is working on a plan for additional VWPs to be installed, and that the proposed locations will be determined during the preparation of a revision to further expand the gob pile.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Burgmaier".

Susan L. Burgmaier
Environmental Protection Specialist

cc: Tamme Bishop, J.E. Stover & Associates
Marcia Talvitie, DRMS