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Dear Mr. Klein:

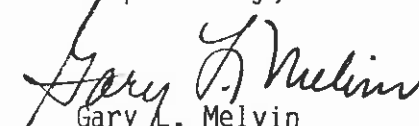
On September 28, 1984 the Office of Surface Mining promulgated regulations at 49FR38482 which set forth certain requirements for surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Indian lands. These regulations mandated operators expecting to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations on Indian lands eight months after the effective date of the regulations to apply for a permit within two months of the effective date.

On October 31, 1984, Peabody Coal Company's Arizona Division filed an application for a permit and requested that OSM incorporate into the application data concerning the operations already filed with OSM. Peabody agreed to supplement the application as necessary to completely fulfill regulatory requirements should OSM identify deficiencies. OSM approved Peabody's request on November 17, 1984.

Attached is a mining and reclamation plan for the Black Mesa and Kayenta Mines. The purpose of this plan is to consolidate and update information regarding the surface coal mining and reclamation activities conducted by Peabody on the Black Mesa. This plan supports Peabody's October 31, 1984 permit application.

It is Peabody's intent that, upon approval by OSM, the information in this document regarding surface mining and reclamation plans and procedures will supercede any such information previously filed with OSM by Peabody for the Black Mesa operations. Peabody technical staff are prepared to assist the Office of Surface Mining in its review and evaluation of the enclosed plan. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter, please contact me.

Respectfully,


Gary L. Melvin
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Attachments

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