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Re: Project No. SL 181-4
AMD Abatement Study
Mill Creek Watershed

Dear Mister Secretary:

Submitted herewith is the report of findings and recommendations related to the referenced subject. Information obtained during this study period supplements the findings that were submitted for Project No. SL 181-3, Nanticoke, Warrior and Solomon Creek Watersheds, AMD Abatement Study, 1975.

We believe that the investigation, analyses and findings presented in this report will facilitate the formulation of a plan by the Department to abate Acid Mine Drainage Pollution in the Wyoming Valley.

We appreciate this opportunity to be of service to the Department and the Commonwealth.

Respectfully submitted,

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MINE DRAINAGE POLLUTION ABATEMENT STUDY

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