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The Honorable Maurice K. Goddard, Secretary  
Department of Environmental Resources  
518 South Office Building  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17102

Subject: Acid Drainage Pollution Project - Toby Creek  
Contract No. SL 132

Dear Sir:

This report deals with the acid drainage problems of a portion of the Toby Creek Drainage Basin in Elk County, Pennsylvania.

Investigations have revealed that the acid drainage originating within the area covered by this project can be substantially reduced, thus reducing the acid load reaching Toby Creek and the lower reaches of the Clarion River.

The abatement of acid drainage in the basin should provide long term economic and environmental benefits to the region. We have concluded that the major causative factor in the acid drainage problem is the interaction of recent surface mining with old abandoned drift mines. It should be possible to prevent future repetitions of this situation without crippling the coal industry which is so vital to this region and to the Commonwealth.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on this project.

Very truly yours,

LEE-SIMPSON ASSOCIATES, INC.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edward M. Lee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Edward M. Lee, President

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