

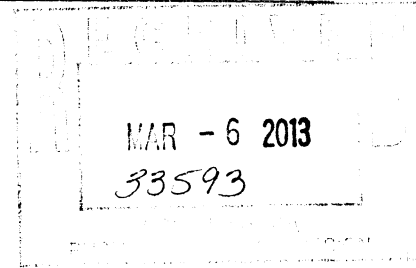


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Mr. James Deutsch
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RE: Revision 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit ACPG-9701

Dear Mr. Deutsch:

We have reviewed American Colloid Company's application for revision number 8 to Surface Coal Mining Permit ACPG-9701 at the Page and Perkins Mines. This revision updates the permit for the next 5-year permit term and identifies the coal removal subareas that will be mined during the next 5-year permit term.

At this time, the Department has no additional comments regarding this revision.

Sincerely,

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