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Jay M. Volk, Ph. D
Environmental Services Manager
BNI Coal, Ltd.
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Dear Mr. Volk:

The Reclamation Division has completed its review of the worst-case reclamation cost calculation submitted by BNI Coal, Ltd as part of Revision 16 to Permit BNCR-9401. The minimum bond amount of \$967,497.00 proposed with Revision No. 16 is determined to be sufficient.

Surety Bond No. 800043898, underwritten by Atlantic Specialty Insurance Company, covers the bond area in the amount of \$1,404,271.00. Surety Bond No. 800043898 exceeds the minimum bond amount required for Permit BNCR-9401 and is therefore considered adequate. No further action concerning the bond is necessary with Revision No. 16 to Permit BNCR-9401.

Please contact this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Dean K. Moos
Director
Reclamation Division

cc Karene Hall

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