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Ken,

I am writing in regards to our telephone conversation this morning, September 3, 2009, regarding the subject action. As you are aware, the Corps determined that the proposed project would require an Environmental Impact Study due to the proposed aquatic impacts, that may be significant. Per our conversation, you indicated that the Surface Transportation Board would like to be a cooperating agency in order to combine our responsibilities under the NEPA process for our individual permits that would be required. A railroad is proposed to be constructed to support the surface coal mine. The Corps would welcome the participation of the STB in a combined review.

To this end, we have requested a meeting with Consol to discuss the scoping of the EIS. We have had tentative meeting dates selected, however, at this time, Consol has not been able to schedule a meeting with this office. When a meeting is next proposed to be scheduled, we will include you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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