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Good Afternoon Ginger and Tom,

As you know the Buffalo Coal, King Coal Highway proposal is being analyzed and discussed on a number of fronts through a number of authorities. NEPA documentation is ongoing to assure NEPA compliance. As a cooperating agency, EPA believes that it is appropriate for Regional and District level EPA, COE, and FHWA, to meet to discuss EIS progress, opportunities to include EPA water quality and NPDES scenarios within the document, and our previous EIS and scoping comments. Clean Water Act issues that reflect EPA's roles and responsibilities within both the Section 402 (NPDES) and Section 404 programs should also be clarified and discussed to assure an environmentally sound path forward. We recently met with Consol Coal and the State to discuss some of these issues. It is clear to us that further joint discussions among the Regional offices of the Federal Agencies would serve to expedite permit decisions and to fully vet environmental protection and public interest issues.

EPA Region III would be happy to facilitate the establishment of a Federal Agency (Regional) session. For convenience and travel purposes that session could be virtual and held using video conferencing equipment, or a physical meeting could be held in the Pittsburgh or Wheeling West Virginia area. We propose that the week of July 9th as a good option. Meeting that week would allow us to report progress to our Principals who we believe are to meet in the near future.

Thank you for your consideration. Please let Jeff and/or me know if you are interested in a Federal Agency Regional session to share information on the Buffalo Mountain/King Coal Highway issue.

Thank you,

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