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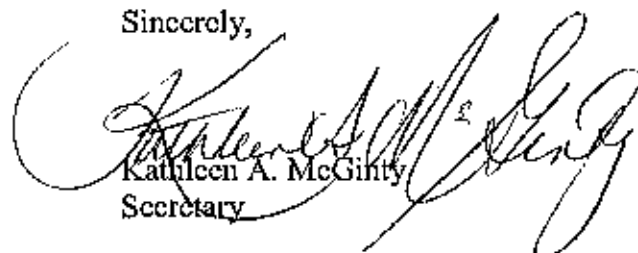
Dear Mr. Golden:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your continued support for the Department of Environmental Protection's efforts to reclaim Pennsylvania's legacy of abandoned mine land (AML) problems. We appreciate the Western Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation's (WPCAMR) role in conducting the 10 public roundtables. These roundtables were invaluable in soliciting public input on how to best address Pennsylvania's AML problems.

Your suggestion that a separate, permanent advisory committee be established for Title IV issues will be added to the many other suggestions that we have received from the public roundtables and from written submissions. As you are aware, the committee issue was raised at your WPCAMR Quarterly meeting on August 23, 2007. Deputy Secretary Scott Roberts attended that meeting and indicated that the proper forum for the committee would be the already established Mineral Resources Advisory Board (MRAB). Deputy Secretary Roberts recommended that the MRAB be approached regarding this issue before a decision is made if a separate committee is warranted. The committee issue has been added to October MRAB meeting agenda.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please contact Roderick A. Fletcher, Director of the Bureau of Abandoned Mine Reclamation, by e-mail at rfletcher@state.pa.us or by telephone at 717-783-2267.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Secretary

