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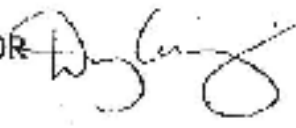
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MEMORANDUM / ENFORCEMENT NOTICE

TO: ALL WEST VIRGINIA COAL INDUSTRY PERSONNEL

FROM: DOUG CONAWAY, DIRECTOR 

DATE: MAY 18, 2004

RE: DE-CERTIFICATION FOR FAILURE TO LOCK AND TAG POWER CIRCUITS

There continues to be injury and death in our industry due to electricians falling to lock and tag energized circuits prior to work being performed on that circuit.

After reviewing a recent accident, the West Virginia Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety was in agreement that the West Virginia Office of Miners Health Safety and Training consider taking the strongest action possible against individuals who fail to comply with the state law and work on energized power circuits.

Effective immediately, I am directing all agency personnel to file with me a petition to decertify any individual who violates state law by working on energized power circuits. Also the same decertification procedure applies to any supervisor who supports or condones this activity.

I request all operators to notify your employees of this notice and to post a copy of this memo on the mine bulletin board at the mine site.

JDC:ks

cc: Board of Coal Mine Health and Safety