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August 6, 2004

West Virginia Office of Miners' Health, Safety, and Training
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RE: Exemption of WV Miners Certificate

To Whom It May Concern:

Please see attached letter from Doug Conaway at the Charleston WV Miners' Health, Safety, and Training office exempting Target Drilling Inc. employees from WV Miners' Certificates while performing directional drilling work. If you have any questions please call me at 412-384-2292.

Regards,

Target Drilling Inc.

Don Williams
Target Drilling Inc.



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August 5, 2004

Stephen J. Kravits, President
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Dear Mr. Kravits:

This letter is in response to your letter dated August 4, 2004 concerning miner certifications for your employees.

WV Code 522A-8-3 allows for technically trained employees, whose work contributes only indirectly to the mine operations, are not required to possess a miner's certification.

While the employees of Target Drilling, Inc. are performing the specified tasks involved with directional drilling they will not be required to hold WV miner's certification.

If at anytime they are assigned "normal" mining duties they must be certified WV miners.

However, unless your employees are apprentice miners their time and experience will not count towards a miner's certificate.

Any questions please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Doug Conaway
Director

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