



MEMORANDUM

TO: Chris Blanchard
FROM: Don Blankenship
DATE: February 11, 2008
SUBJECT: MARSH FORK

Please advise this morning whether you have two miners on the section at Marsh Fork and it's ready to be normal. You've killed yourself for the last five weeks on cost and lack of production totally unnecessarily. Don't do the same thing at Coon. Get involved and put your mines in.

UBB could be a lot better than it is. I think we've grown accustomed to poor performance and no doubt we're cutting too much rock. You're playing engineer there. All of you engineers think that planning for ventilation in the year of 2015 is more important than survival of today, and believe me it's not. You need to get low on UBB #1 and #2 and run some coal. We'll worry about ventilation or other issues at an appropriate time. Now is not the time.

DLB/sld

cc: Chris Adkins
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