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Dear Mr. Waugh

I have reviewed the Annual Evaluation Summary Report for the Regulatory Program Administered by the State of Alaska, for Evaluation Year 2007 (July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007).

I feel that the report accurately reflects the status of Alaska's coal regulatory program, and its effectiveness in meeting the purpose of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, for this time period.

Sincerely,

Bruce Buzby, Coal Regulatory Program Manager