### **CRANDALL CANYON MINE**

#### ROOF CONTROL PLAN

Roof control plans are designed to control the roof, face and ribs, including coal or rock bursts, in underground coal mines. The Crandall Canyon Mine roof control plan as approved includes maps, drawings, amendment submissions from the mine operator and approval letters from the Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA).

Each underground coal mine operator is required to develop and follow a roof control plan. Roof control plans and any revisions to the plan are submitted in writing to the District Manager. When revisions are submitted, the mine operator need submit only the revised pages unless otherwise directed by the District Manager. The District Manager may approve or deny a proposed roof control plan or revision. No plan or revision may be implemented by the mine operator until it is approved, and before implementation of any revision, all persons affected by the revision must be instructed about its provisions. The approved plan and revisions are available to the miners and representatives of miners at the mine.

The roof control plan for each mine is reviewed every six months by MSHA.

(The plan consists of the base plan which was approved on July 3, 2002, and all approved amendments and modifications. The Agapito reports which were submitted to MSHA as reference documents are also included in this posting. Names have been deleted to protect personal privacy, pursuant to Exemption 6 of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Proprietary design information identified as confidential has been redacted pursuant to FOIA Exemption 4.)

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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Gary Peacock General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Site-specific Pillaring Plan
Main West South Barrier

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated May 16, 2007, one page, and one drawing, addressing pillar mining of the Main West South Barrier. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for pillar mining the Main West South Barrier and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval. please contact

Sincerely,

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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May 16, 2007

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety and Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

Re:

Crandall Canyon Mine ID# 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Pillaring Main West South Barrier

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find attached for your review and approval, a site specific roof control plan for pillaring the South Barrier of Main West at our Crandall Canyon Mine. The plan consists of one page of text and 1 Plate.

Please contact me with any questions at 435.888.4023.

Sincerely,

Tom Hurst Mining Engineer 435.888.4023

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Crandall Canyon Mine MSHA ID # 42-01715 Main West Pillaring South Barrier Roof Control Plan

The mine is currently developing entries into the south barrier of the Main West area. This plan proposes to recover coal remaining in the pillars shown on attached Plate 1, Pillar Extraction.

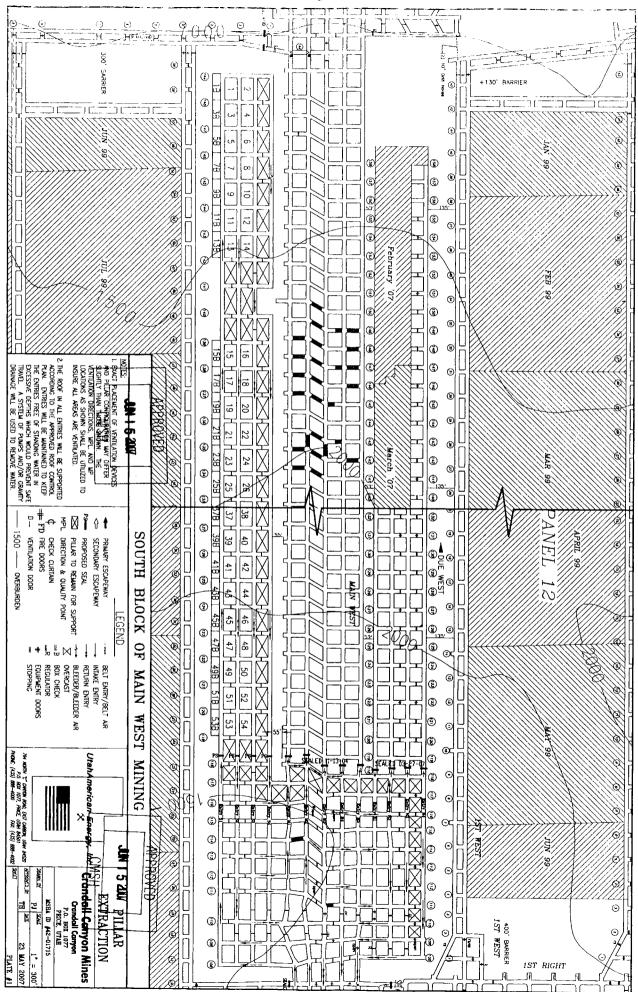
Consultant reports indicate the development will avoid the majority of the sideabutment stress transferred from the adjacent longwall panels. These assessments have been validated by conditions experienced in the mine.

Plate 1, Pillar Extraction, shows the mining sequence and the blocks left in the mining process. This pillar recovery will be done in accordance with the approved Roof Control Plan.

Floor to roof support will be provided in the Bleeder entry. These timbers will be installed at the entrance to the crosscuts in number 4 entry. This support will consist of a double row of timbers (breaker row) installed on four (4) foot centers or closer if deemed necessary by the operator. There will be a minimum of four timbers in each row across the entry.

Also, should conditions warrant pillaring can begin at anytime in the panel. The pillar sequence and bleeder configuration will be same except that pillars will be left inby the beginning of the pillar line.





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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Gary Peacock General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine

ID No. 42-01715

Roof Control Plan Amendment

Site-Specific Plan

Main West South Block Development

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated February 20, 2007, one page, and one drawing. This amendment addresses development in the Main West South Block barrier pillar.

This approval is site-specific for development of the Main West South Block and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ Allyn C. Davis

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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February 20, 2007

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9 P.O. Box Denver, Colorado 80225

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine MSHA ID Number 42-01715 Site Specific Roof Control Plan Main West South Block

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed a site specific roof control plan amendment for development of the south barrier of the Main West in the aforereferenced mine. This submittal will include one (1) page of text and one (1) plate.

If you require additional information, feel free to contact me at (435) 888-4016 or contact us at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

David W. Hibbs

# Crandall Canyon Mine MSHA ID Number 42-01715 Main West South Barrier Site Specific Roof Control Plan

The mine is planning to develop entries into the south barrier of the Main West area. This area contains a valuable coal resource. Consultant reports indicate the planned development will avoid the majority of the side abutement stress transferred from the adjacent longwall gobs.

The development in the barrier pillar block will be done from east to west. Four (4) entries will be driven on a nominal 80 foot center to center spacing. Crosscut spacing will be on a nominal 90 foot center to center spacing, but can vary depending upon conditions encountered. The mining horizon will be the upper portion of the Hiawatha seam. Roof coal may be left in areas where weak immediate roof is encountered. See Plate 1, South Block Overview. Overburden depth in the area is between 1,000 feet and 2,200 feet.

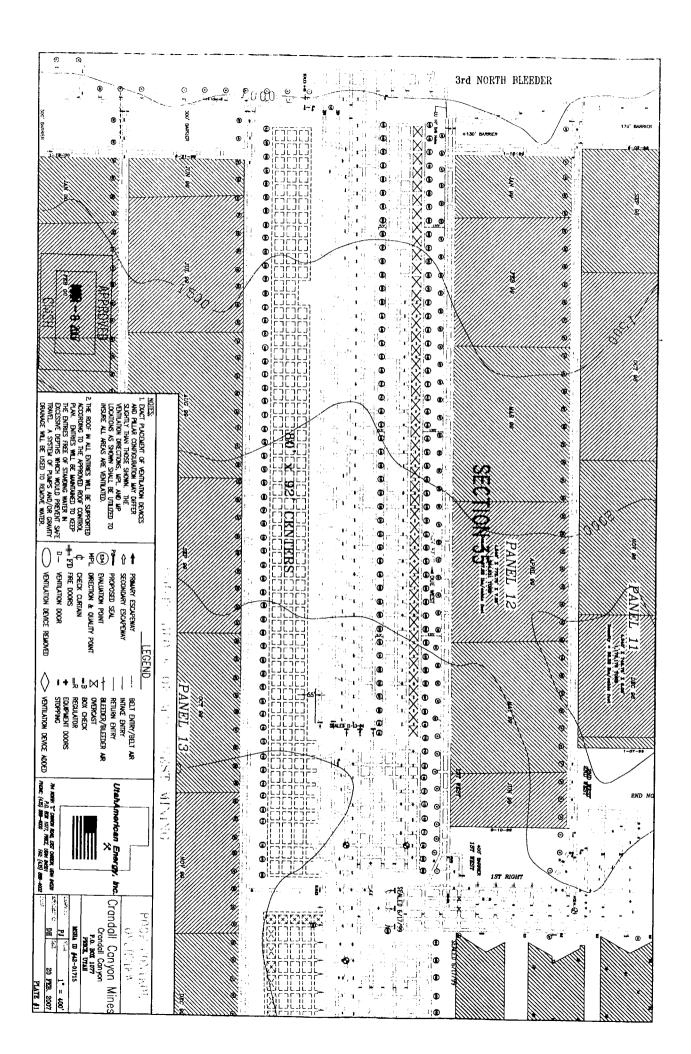
Systematic bolting will occur after excavation. The number of roof bolts per row will increase to six (6) bolts per row minimum. Patterned roof support will be six (6) bolts per row and five (5) feet or less between rows. Additional roof support will be installed whenever entry or cross cut width exceeds 20 feet or other conditions warrant additional support.

Development mining of the barrier is anticipated to last for less than one (1) year. During development of the south barrier, conditions will be monitored to determine the possibility of pillar extraction. If conditions appear favorable further discussions and plans will be submitted for approval.

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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Gary Peacock General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Site-Specific north barrier of
Main West pillar extraction

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated December 20, 2006, one page, and one map, addressing pillar extraction of the north barrier of Main West. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for the north barrier of Main West and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ Allyn C. Davis

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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UtahAmerican Energy, Inc.



December 20, 2006

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Health and Safety P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine MSHA ID # 42-01715 Main West Pillar Recovery Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find attached a Roof Control Plan amendment for pillar extraction of the north barrier of the Main West in the Crandall Canyon Mine.

The plan includes one (1) page of text and Plate 3a that shows the sequence of mining and pillars to be left. A Ventilation Control Plan amendment is being submitted under a separate cover letter.

If you require additional information, feel free to call me at (435) 888-4016 or contact us at the address listed above.

Sincerely,

David W. Hibbs

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#### Crandall Canyon Mine MSHA ID # 42-01715 Main West Pillaring Roof Control Plan

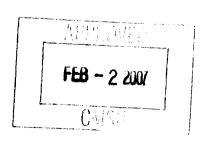
The mine is currently developing entries into the north barrier of the Main West area. This plan proposes to recover coal remaining in the pillars shown on the attached Plate 3a.

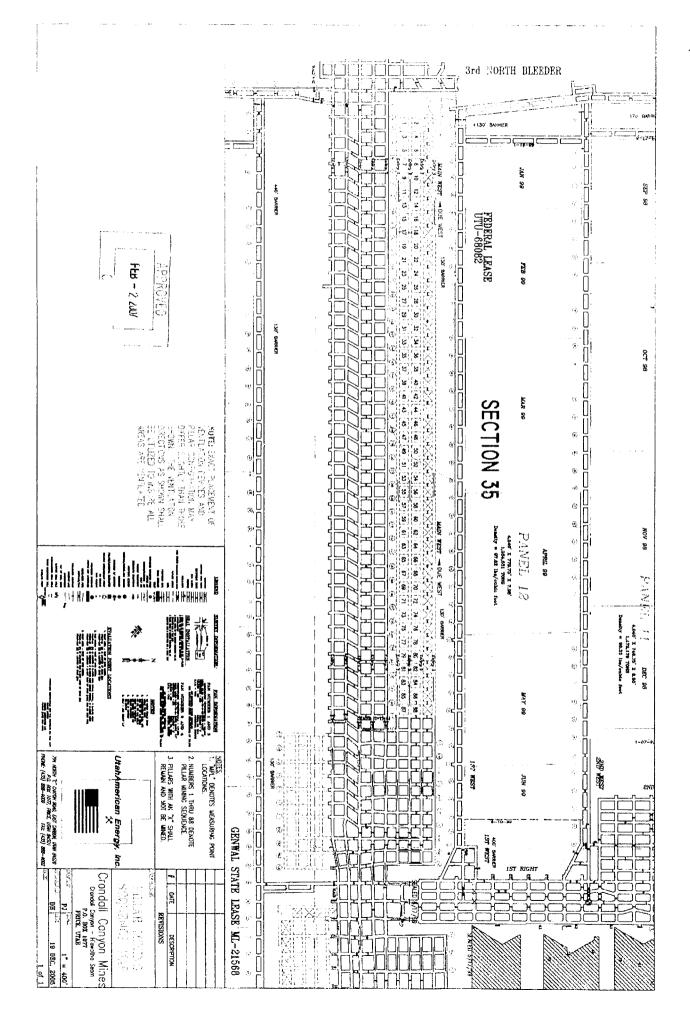
Consultant reports indicate the development will avoid the majority of the sideabutment stress transferred from the adjacent longwall panels. These assessments have been validated by conditions experienced in the mine.

Plate 3a, shows the mining sequence and the blocks left in the mining process. This pillar recovery will be done in accordance with the approved Roof Control Plan.

Floor to roof support will be provided in the Bleeder entry. These timbers will be installed at the entrance to the crosscuts in number 4 entry. This support will consist of a double row of timbers (breaker row) installed on four (4) foot centers or closer if deemed necessary by the operator. There will be a minimum of four timbers in each row across the entry.

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January 10, 2007

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety and Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225 8646 84-A17 DECENVED DAN 1 0 2007

USDOL-MSHA-CMS&H DISTRICT 9

Re: Crandall Canyon Mine ID# 42-01715 Site Specific Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find attached a revised site specific roof control plan amendment for development of the north barrier block of Main West in the Crandall Canyon Mine. The text of the plan has been revised to allow leaving of roof coal where immediate roof conditions will be improved by leaving roof coal.

Please contact me with any questions at 435.888.4023

Sincerely,

Tom Hurst Mining Engineer 435.888.4023

# Crandall Canyon Mine MSHA ID# 42-01715 Main West North Barrier Site Specific Roof Control Amendment

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Systematic bolting will occur after excavation. The number of roof bolts per row will increase to a 6 bolt per row minimum. Patterned roof support will be 5 bolts per row and 5 feet or less between rows. Additional roof support will be installed whenever entry or crosscut widths exceed 20 feet or other conditions warrant additional apport.

Development mining of the barriers is anticipated to last less than on vear. This roof control plan is for development only. During development of the north barrier, conditions will be monitored to determine the possibility of pillar extraction. If conditions appear favorable, further discussions and plans will be submitted for approval.

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Gary Peacock General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

> RE: Crandall Canyon Mine ID No. 42-01715 Roof Control Plan Amendment Site-Specific Main West barrier development

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated January 10, 2007, one page, and a map, addressing leaving roof coal to support the immediate roof in weak areas. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for the development of the north barrier of Main West and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ William P. Knepp

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Gary Peacock General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077

Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Site-specific Development of North
Barrier Block of Main West

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated November 11, 2006, and two pages, addressing the development of the north barrier block of Main West. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

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Sincerely,

/s/ William P. Knepp

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November 11, 2006

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Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety and Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

Re: Crandall Canyon Mine ID# 42-01715 Site Specific Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

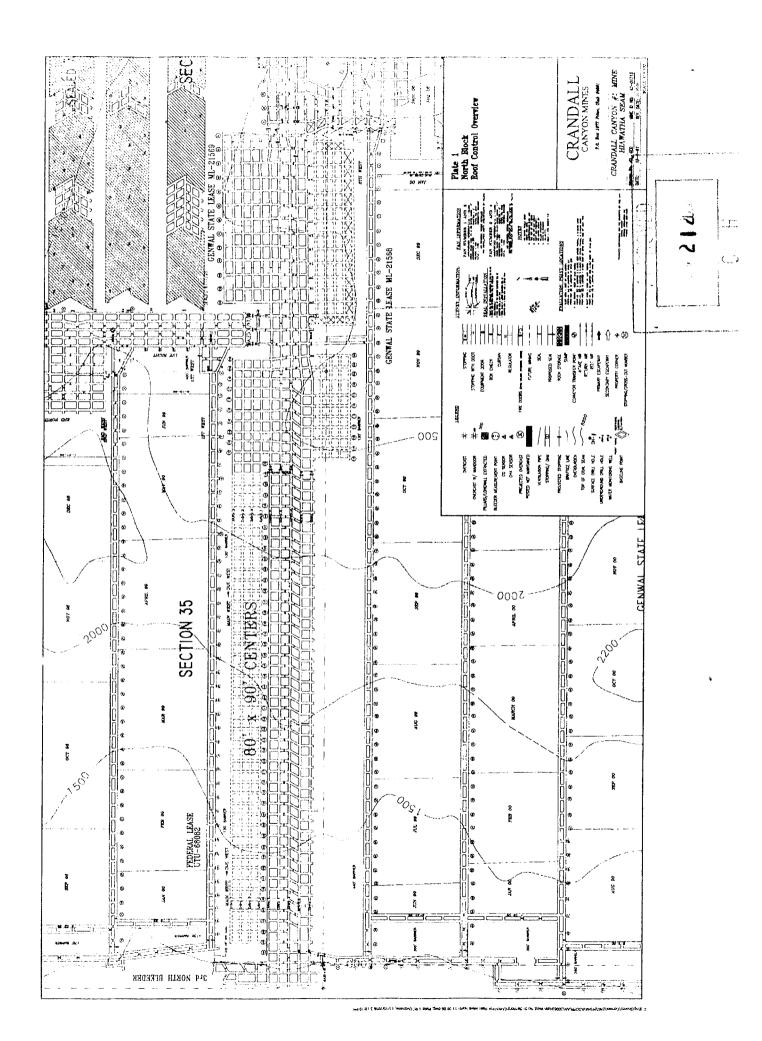
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Gary Peacock General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077

Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Site-specific Development of North
Barrier Block of Main West

Dear Mr. Peacock:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated November 11, 2006, and two pages, addressing the development of the north barrier block of Main West. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for the development of the north barrier of Main West and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

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Sincerely,

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November 11, 2006

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety and Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

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Re: Crandall Canyon Mine ID# 42-01715 Site Specific Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

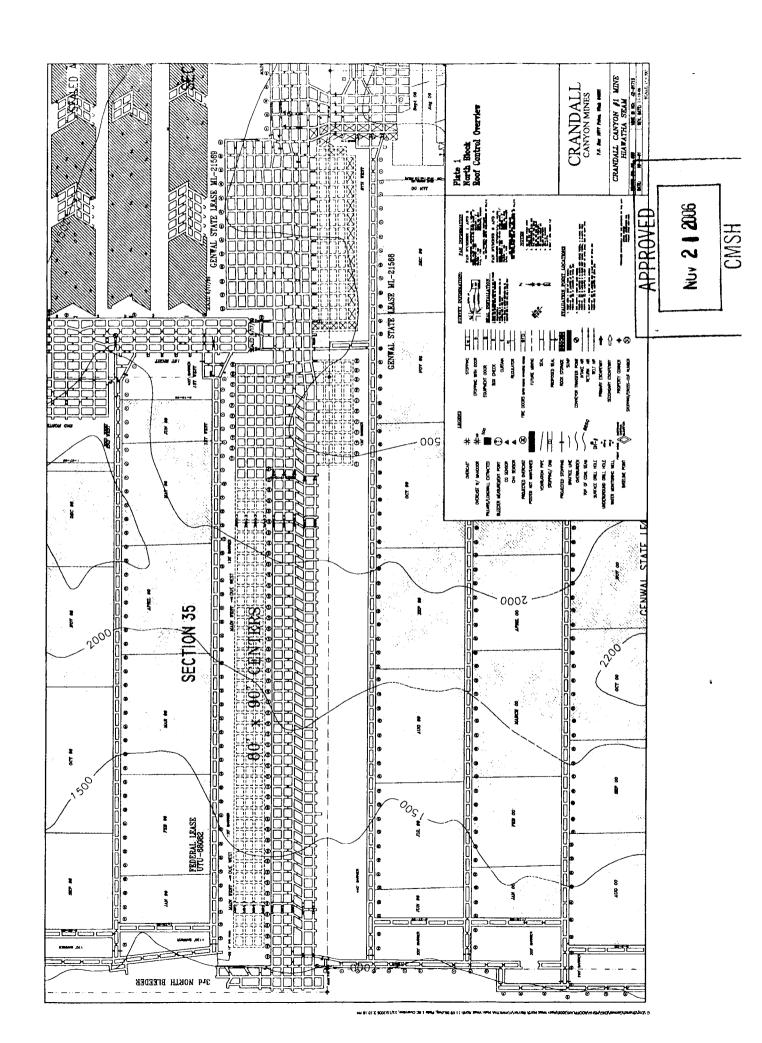
Please find attached a site specific roof control plan amendment for development of the north barrier block of Main West in the Crandall Canyon Mine.

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Sincerely,

Tom Hurst Mining Engineer

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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Revised page 5

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated June 3, 2005, and a revised page 5. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan, originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval supersedes the approval, dated July 3, 2002, for page 5.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ William P. Knepp

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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June 3, 2005

Mr. Alynn Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225 P.O. BOX 1077 PRICE, UTAH 84501 PHONE: (435) 868-4000 FAX: (435) 888-4002

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Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval a replacement page 5 to be included in the Approved Roof Control Plan. The enclosed page has changes to the drill hole size for a .914 grouted roof bolt. When approved please insert the page into its respective location within the approved plan.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 687-5420 mine site.

Sincerely,

Jim Pruitt
Safety Director

Genwal Resources Inc.

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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Low Seam Shield Removal

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated March 14, 2005, and four pages, addressing extraction of headgate shields #1 and #2 on low seam longwalls. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval supersedes the approval, dated January 7, 2005, for the site-specific  $2^{\rm nd}$  West Longwall shield removal plan.

These four pages (19A, 19B, 19C, and 19D) are new and will be added to the plan.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval. please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ Allyn C. Davis

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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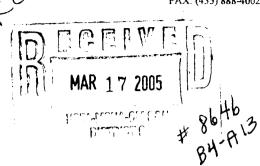
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March 14, 2005

Mr. Alynn Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225 P.O. BOX 1077 PRICE, UTAH 84501 PHONE: (435) 888-4000 FAX: (435) 888-4002



Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval new pages 19A through 19D to be included in the Approved Roof Control Plan. The enclosed pages address headgate shield removal in low seam coal areas. When approved please insert the page into it's respective location within the approved plan.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 687-5420 mine site.

Sincerely

Jim Pruitt Safety Director

Genwal Resources Inc.

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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

> RE: Crandall Canyon Mine ID No. 42-01715 Roof Control Plan Revision Page 7

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan revision is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated August 14, 2004, a revised page 7, and those items as discussed and noted between Jim Pruitt and Billy Owens on September 27, 2004. This revision will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval supersedes the approval, dated July 3, 2002, for page 7.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this revision.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ Allyn C. Davis

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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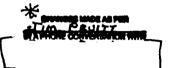


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August 14, 2004

Mr. Alynn Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

> Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan



Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval a replacement page 7 for the South Crandall Canyon Mine approved roof control plan. This page has been changed to remove the reference to a specific roof bolting machine manufacture (Fletcher) only. We feel that this will help remove any confusion as to other machines by other manufactures that may be utilized at Genwal. When approved please insert the page into it's respective location within the approved plan.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 687-5420 mine site.

Sincerely,

Jim Pruitt

Safety Director

Genwal Resources Inc.

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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Revision
Pages 12 and 15

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan revision is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated September 3, 2004, and revised pages 12 and 15. This revision will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval supersedes the approval, dated July 3, 2002, for pages 12 and 15.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ Allyn C. Davis

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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P.O. BOX 1077 PRICE, UTAH 84501 PHONE: (435) 882-4000 FAX: (435) 888-4002

August 31, 2004

Mr. Alynn Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

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Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval replacement pages 12 and 15 referencing the type of longwall equipment used at the Crandall Canyon Mine. The only changes to the pages are the specific references to Longwall equipment types, changing from MTA to JOY and L W Associates. When approved please insert the page into it's respective location within the approved plan.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 687-5420 mine site.

Sincerely.

Jim Pruitt Safety Director

Genwal Resources Inc.

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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
3<sup>rd</sup> North - 1<sup>st</sup> Right

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated July 13, 2004, and three drawings. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for trimming two pillars in 3<sup>rd</sup> North for the 1<sup>st</sup> Right belt line. This approval will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

A Allyn C. Davis
District Manager

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P.O. BOX 1077 PRICE, UTAH 84501 PHONE: (435) 888-4000 FAX: (435) 888-4002

July 13, 2003

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225 JUL 15 2004

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Re:

Crandall Canyon Mine ID#:42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your review and approval a site-specific plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> North section is submitted. In order to access existing coal reserves, it is necessary to trim a maximum of 10ft. of rib on the north side of what is to be the belt entry of the 1<sup>st</sup> Right Gateroad..

The enclosed plan shows the general location of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North/1<sup>st</sup> Right Gateroad sections, the area to be slabbed and supported, and the existing pillar dimensions (**Sheet A**). This area is just north of the pillar slab that was approved for 3<sup>rd</sup> North by MSHA last week. Roof support in the vicinity of the developed 3<sup>rd</sup> North area originally consisted of #6 48"and 60"fully-grouted roof bolts on 5 ft. centers with #6 wire mesh utilized as supplemental support in some areas. Recently, this area was unsealed and as part of a rehabilitation effort #8 roof bolts, and in some areas supplemental support consisting of welded wire mesh was installed as roof conditions required. The roof strata in the area to be slabbed appears to be competent. Cover in the area is between 1,500 ft. and 1,600 ft.

The following sequence of steps will be carried-out when this plan is initiated:

- 1. Two foot diameter OTW Cans on a minimum of 6 ft. centers will be installed as shown in Sheet B prior to slabbing the coal pillar. The yield capacity of each 2 ft. diameter OTW Can is approximately 110 tons.
- 2. The slabbing of the pillar is to occur as part of the typical mining sequence as three additional entries of the 1<sup>st</sup> Right Gateroad are developed to the east.. In the area to be slabbed, the roof will be bolted with #8, minimum 60" long roof bolts on a minimum of 5 ft. centers and supplemental support consisting of welded wire mesh installed. All

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mining and slabbing will be done in accordance with Genwal's MSHA approved Roof Control and Ventilation Plan.

3. Sheet C shows the completed pillar dimensions, effective entry widths, installed Can crib supplemental support, and the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> Right Gateroad belt.

All persons involved in the implementation and execution of this plan will be trained with regard to the safety precautions and specific procedures in order to successfully complete this plan prior to its commencement.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact:

John C. Lewis, M.E., P.E.

Mine Engineer

Genwal Resources Inc.

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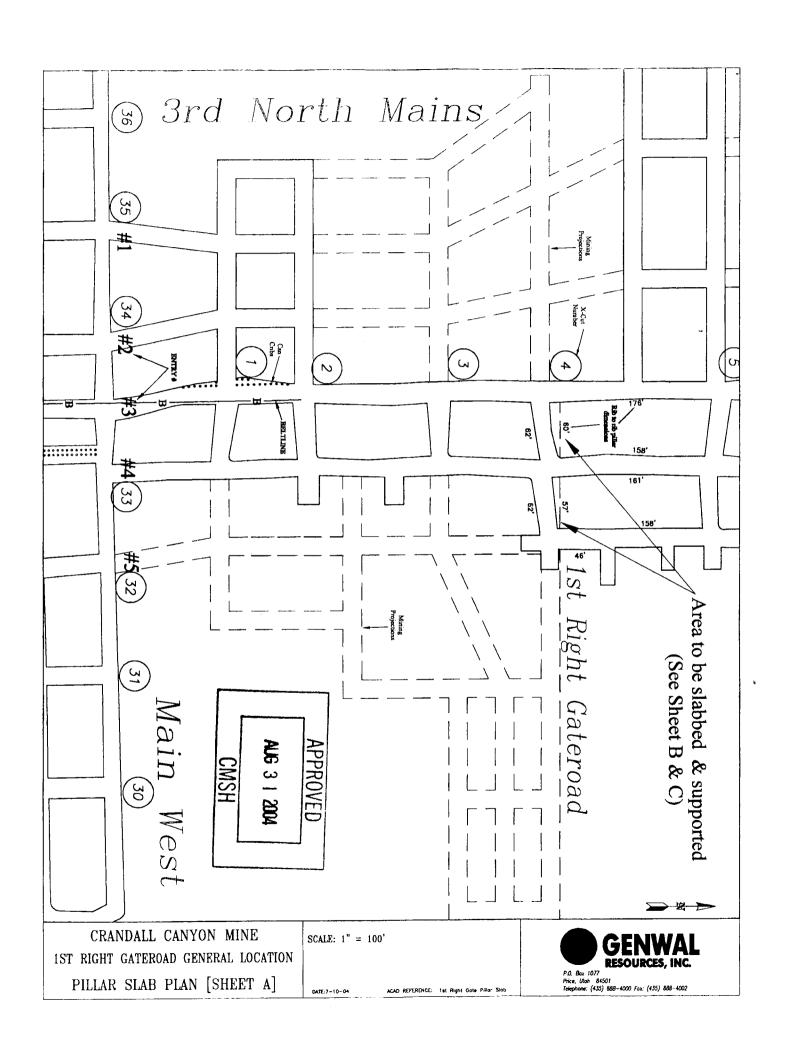
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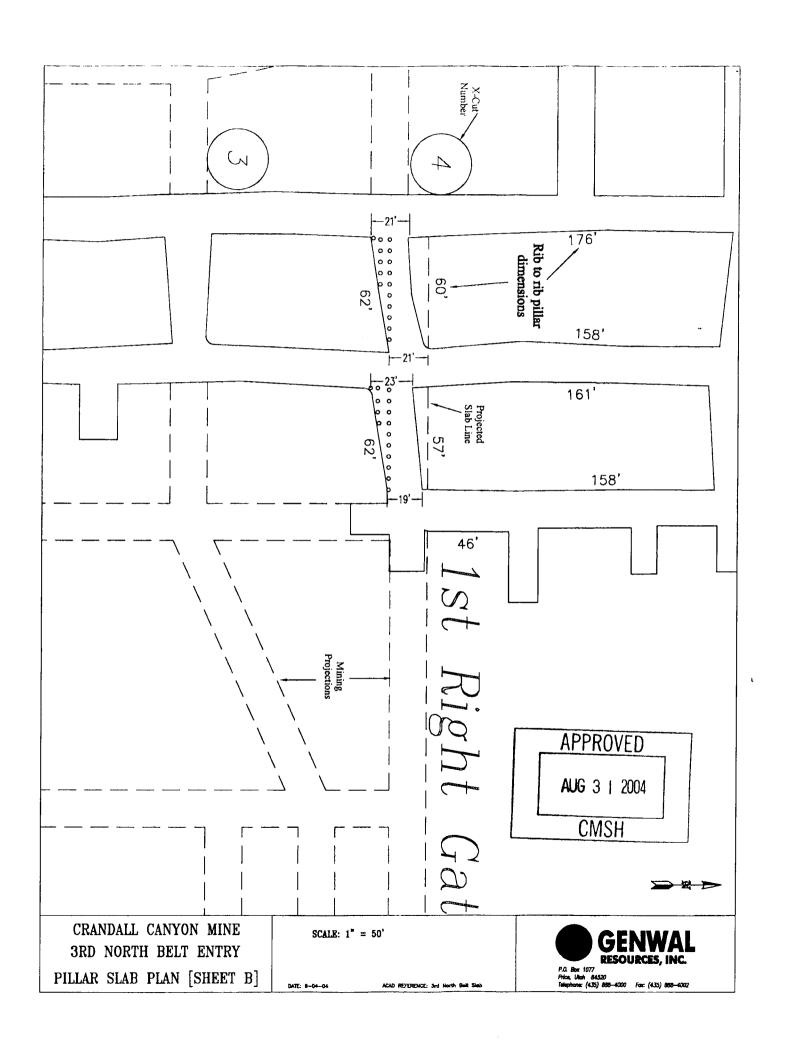
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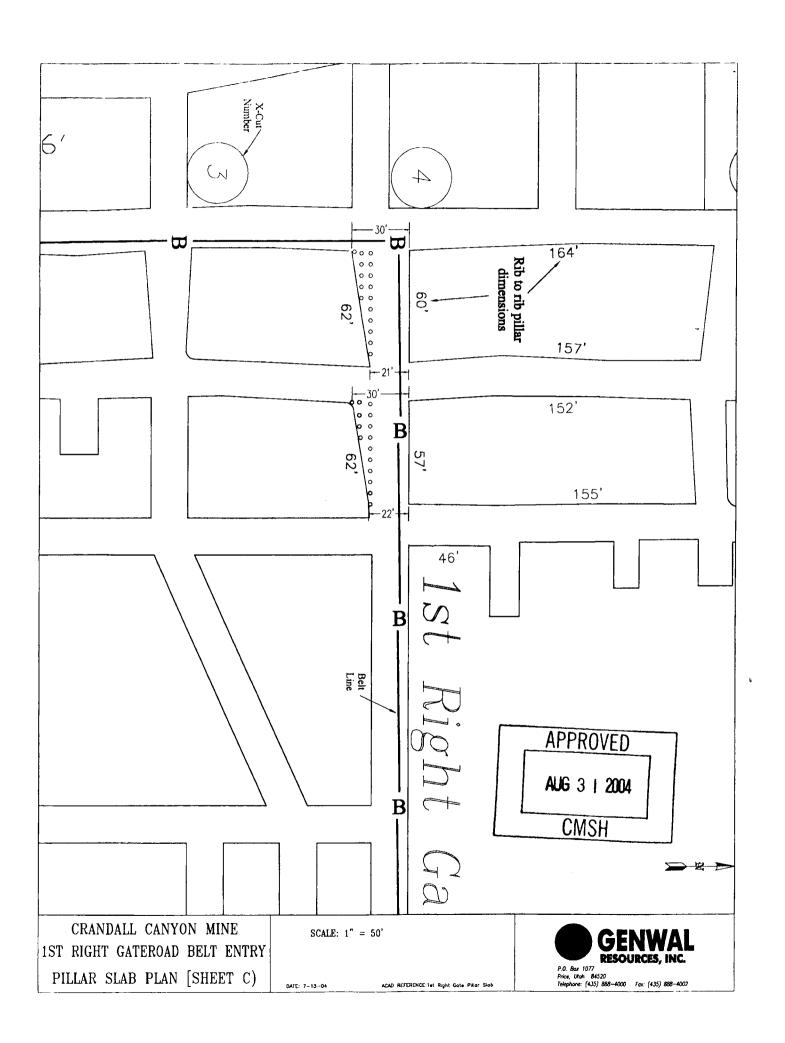
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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

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RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
3<sup>rd</sup> North Mains Belt Entry

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated June 4, 2004, and three drawings, addressing slabbing two pillars in the belt entry of 3<sup>rd</sup> North Mains. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan, originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for slabbing two pillars in the 3<sup>rd</sup> North mains and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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June 04, 2003

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

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Re:

Crandall Canyon Mine ID#:42-01715 Roof Control Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your review and approval a site-specific plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> North section is submitted. In order to access existing coal reserves, it is necessary to trim a maximum of 6 ft. of rib on the east side of what is to be the #3 entry to allow the installation of a belt line.

The enclosed plan shows the general location of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North section, the area to be slabbed and supported, and the existing pillar dimensions (**Sheet A**). This area is just north of the pillar split that was approved for 3<sup>rd</sup> North by MSHA several months ago. Roof support in the vicinity of the developed 3<sup>rd</sup> North section originally consisted of #6 48" and 60" fully-grouted roof bolts on 5 ft. centers with #6 wire mesh utilized as supplemental support in some areas. Recently, this area was unsealed and as part of a rehabilitation effort #8 roof bolts, and in some areas supplemental support consisting of welded wire mesh is being as installed as roof conditions require. The roof strata in the area to be slabbed appears to be competent. Cover in the area is between 1,500 ft. and 1,600 ft.

The following sequence of steps will be carried-out when this plan is initiated:

- 1. Two foot diameter OTW Cans on a minimum of 6 ft. centers will be installed as shown in Sheet B prior to slabbing the coal pillar. The yield capacity of each 2 ft. diameter OTW Can is approximately 110 tons.
- 2. The slabbing of the pillar is to occur as part of the typical mining sequence as three additional entries are mined to the north. In the area to be slabbed, the roof will be bolted with #8, minimum 60" long roof bolts on a minimum of 5 ft. centers and supplemental support consisting of welded wire mesh installed. All mining and slabbing will be done in accordance with Genwal's MSHA approved Roof Control and Ventilation Plan.

3. Sheet C shows the completed pillar dimensions, effective entry widths, installed Can crib supplemental support, and the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> North Section belt.

All persons involved in the implementation and execution of this plan will be trained with regard to the safety precautions and specific procedures in order to successfully complete this plan prior to its commencement.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact:

John C. Lewis, M.E., P.E.

Mine Engineer

Genwal Resources Inc.

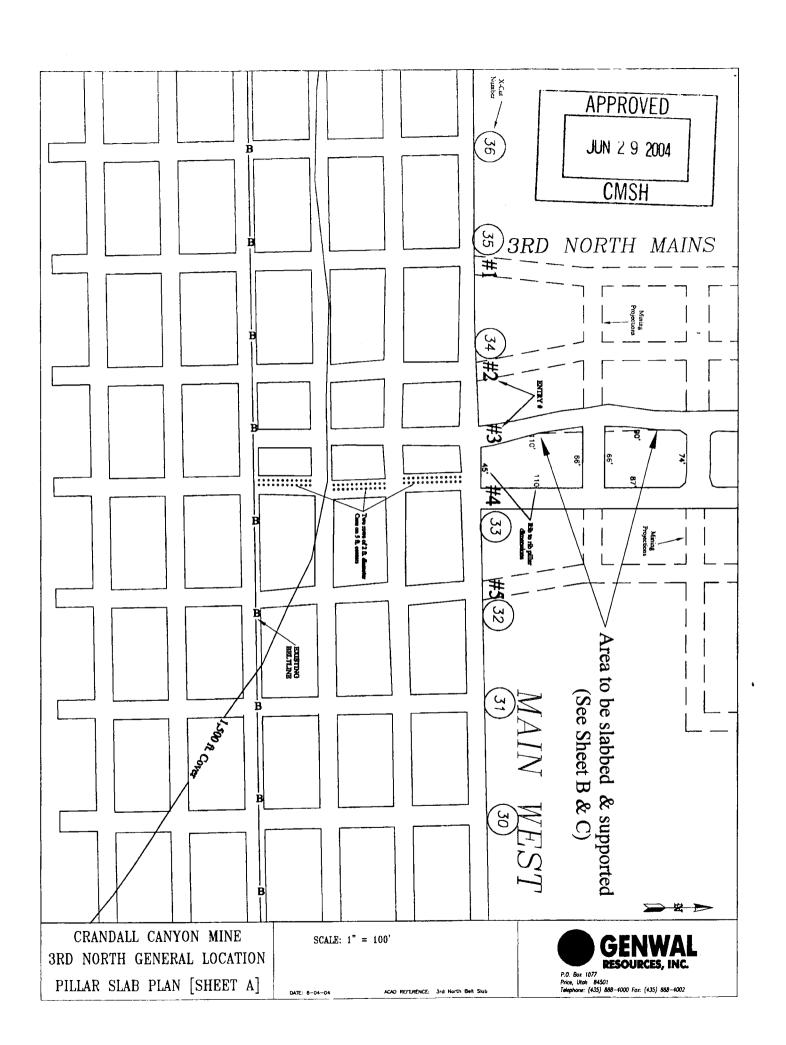
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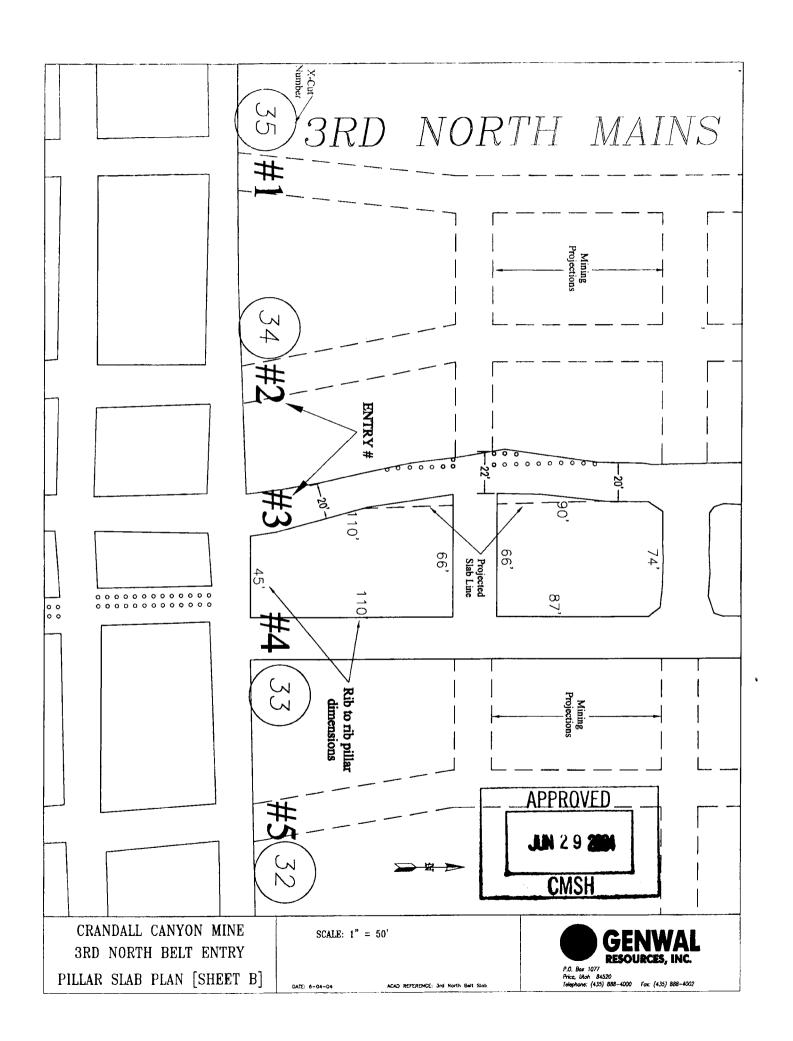
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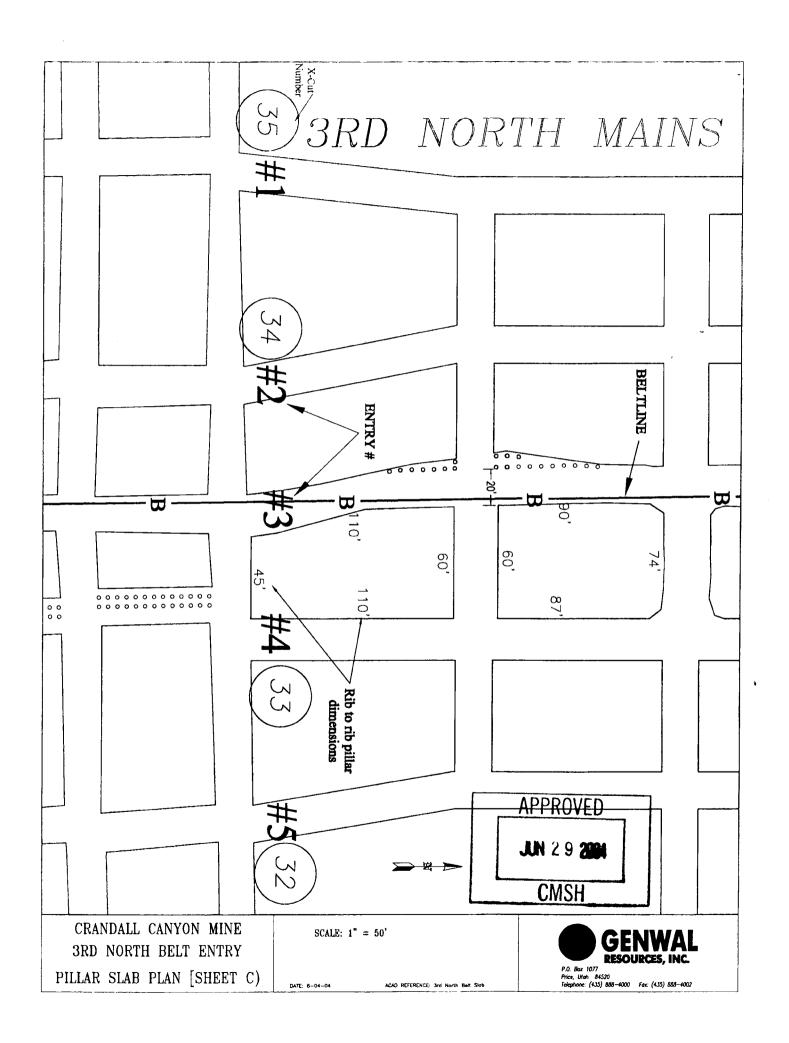
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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine ID No. 42-01715

Roof Control Plan Amendment Site-Specific 3<sup>RD</sup> North Section Pillar Splits - Crosscuts 33 and 34

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated December 2, 2003, and three drawings, addressing pillar splits between crosscuts 33 and 34. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2003.

This approval is site-specific for splitting the pillars at the location noted in the amendment and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

\_If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

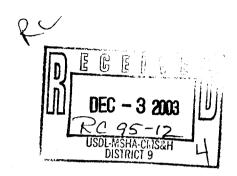
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December 02, 2003

Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225



Re:

Crandall Canyon Mine ID#:42-01715

Roof Control Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Davis:

For your review and approval a site-specific plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> North section is submitted. In order to access existing coal reserves, it is necessary that pillars between x-cut #33 and #34 be split in Main West in order to accommodate the proposed belt line for the 3<sup>rd</sup> North section.

Sheet A (attached) shows the general location of the 3<sup>rd</sup> North mining projections, the pillars to be split, the actual existing dimensions of the pillars in the vicinity of the pillars proposed to be spilt, and cover contours. Roof support in Main West presently consists of #6 48" and 60"fully-grouted roof bolts on 5 ft. centers with #6 wire mesh utilized as supplemental support in some areas. The roof strata in the vicinity of the proposed 3<sup>rd</sup> North pillar split area is some of the most competent strata in the Crandall Canyon Mine. The roof strata is primarily comprised of a very strong sandstone exceeding 5 ft. in thickness. 3<sup>rd</sup> North mining projections are currently sealed and a plan has been submitted to breach the seals and is pending MSHA approval.

The following sequence of steps will be carried-out as this plan is implemented:

1. At a minimum, prior to any pillar split activities, two rows of 2 ft. diameter OTW Cans on 5 ft. centers will be installed adjacent to the area to be spilt in x-cut #33 as shown in **Sheet B**. The first row of Cans will be place approximately 4 ft. off the inby rib of x-cut #33. The yield capacity of each 2 ft. diameter OTW Can is approximately 110 tons.

2. Once installation of the OTW Cans is complete, the pillars will be split as part of a typical mining sequence in accordance with the approved Ventilation and Roof Control plans.

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- 3. The pillar split primary roof support will consist of #8 72" fully-grouted roof bolts on 5 ft. centers with supplemental support consisting of wire mesh will be installed. During the pillar splitting process the roof and ribs will be continuously evaluated. The width of the pillar split entry will be limited to no greater than 20 ft. Sheet C shows the completed mining sequence and approximate finished pillar dimensions.
- 4. All persons involved in the implementation and execution of this plan will be trained with regard to the safety precautions and specific procedures in order to successfully complete this plan prior to its commencement.

Should you have any questions or require additional information please contact:

John C. Lewis, M.E., P.E.

Mine Engineer

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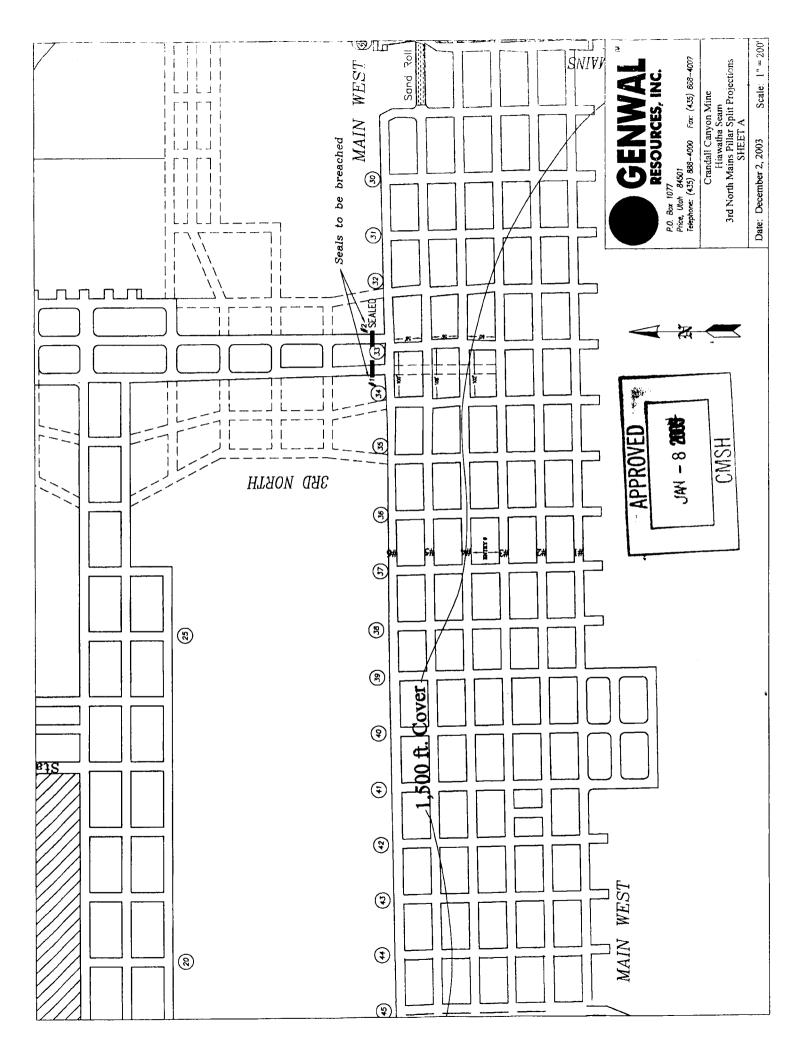
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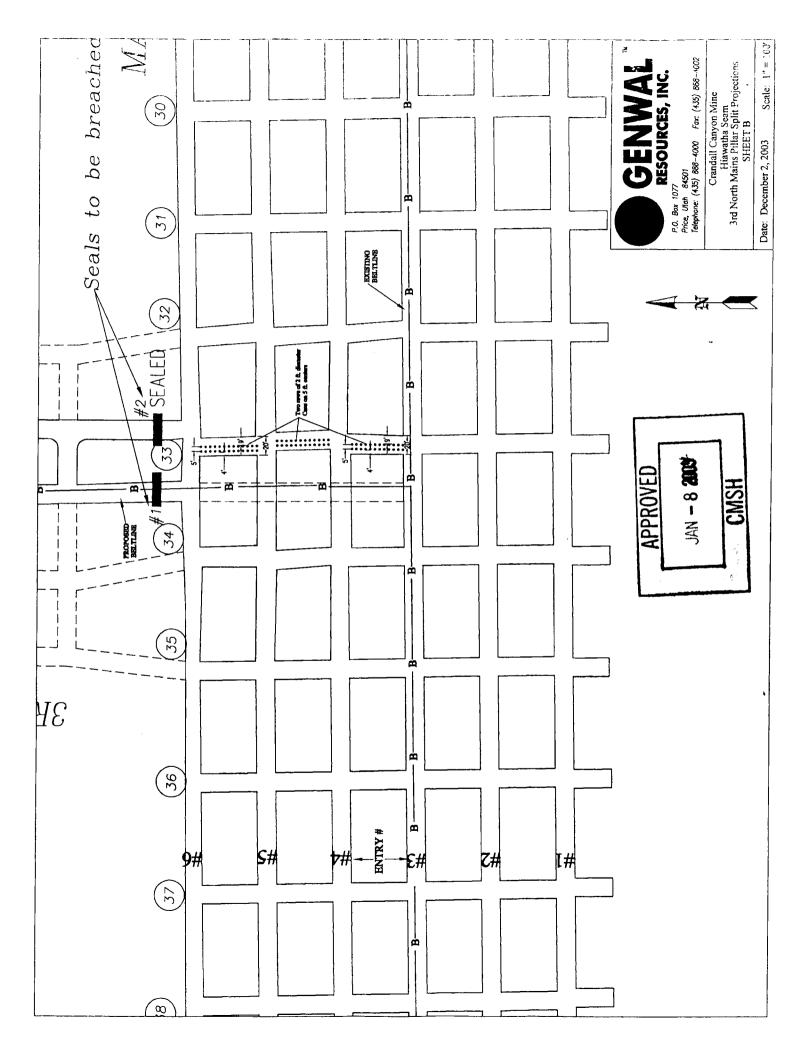
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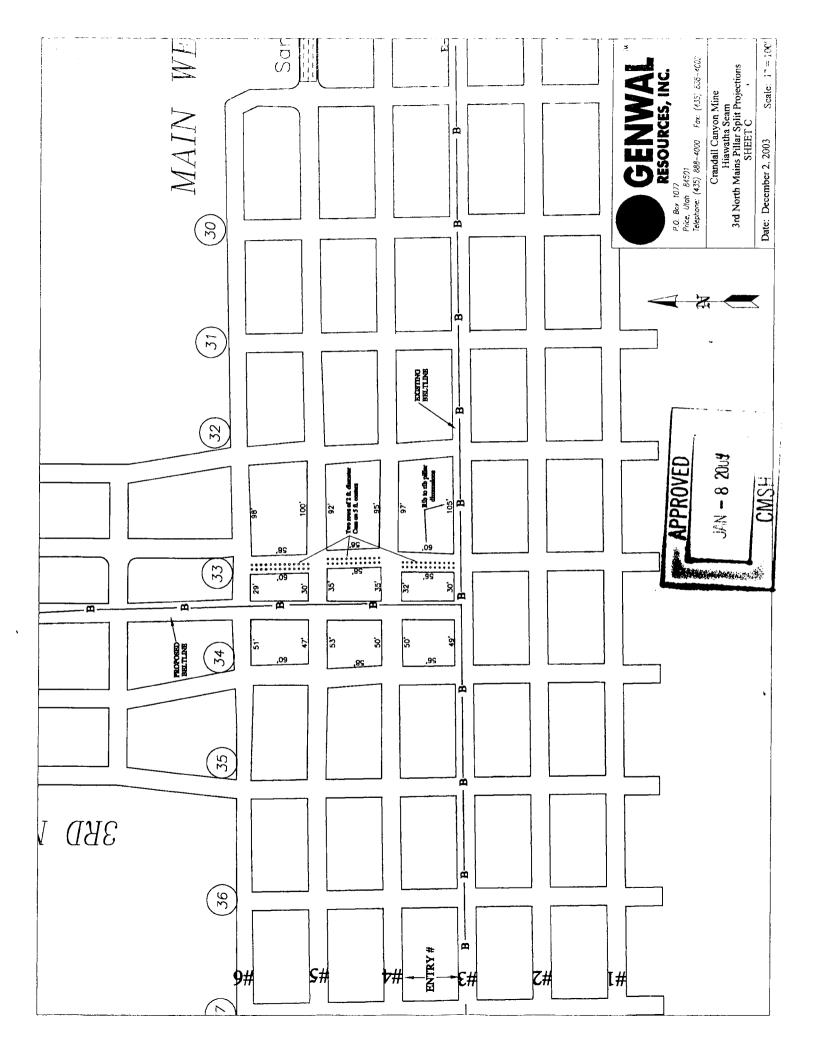
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Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment

Pillar Split - Main West

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated November 10, 2003 and 4 pages, addressing the splitting of the pillar between crosscut # 27 and # 28 in Main West. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan originally approved on July 3, 2003.

This approval is site-specific for Main West pillar split and will terminate upon completion of the project. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact  $\gamma$ 

Sincerely,

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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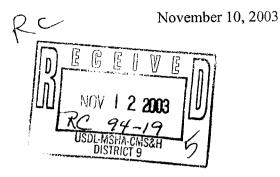
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Mr. Allyn C. Davis District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225



Re: Crandall Canyon Mine ID#:42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment

Dear Mr. Davis:

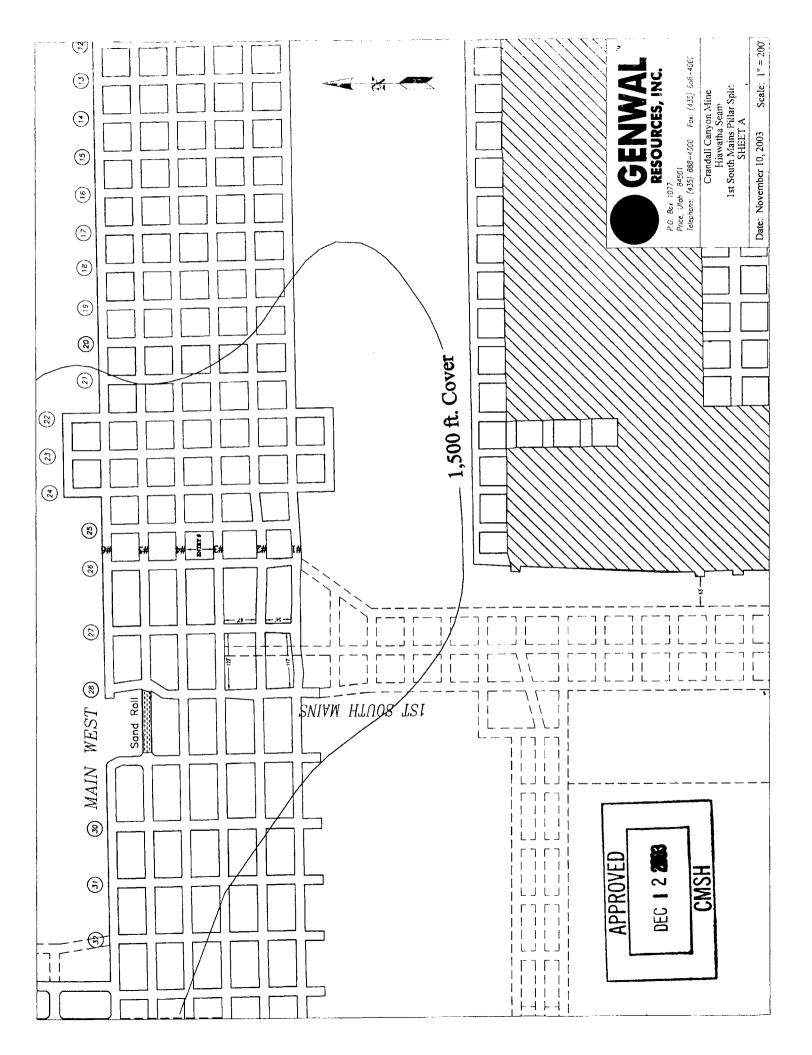
Please find enclosed for your review and approval a site-specific plan for the 1<sup>st</sup> South Mains section. In order to access existing coal, it is imperative that pillars between x-cut #27 and #28 be split in Main West in order to accommodate the proposed belt line.

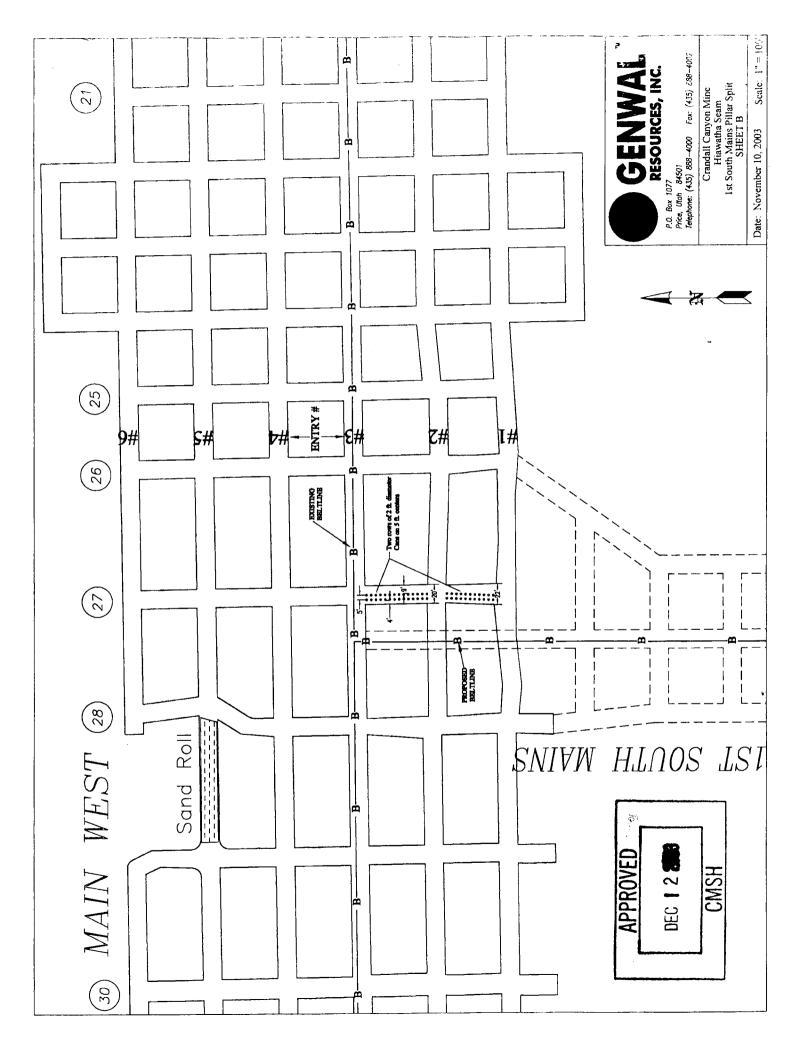
The enclosed plan shows the general location of the 1<sup>st</sup> South Mains mining projections, the pillars to be split, the actual existing dimensions of the pillars in the vicinity of the pillars proposed to be split, and cover contours (see **Sheet A**). Roof support in Main West presently consists of #6 60" fully-grouted roof bolts on 5 ft. centers with #6 wire mesh utilized as supplemental support in some areas. The roof strata in the vicinity of the proposed 1<sup>st</sup> South Mains pillar spilt area is some of most competent strata in the Crandall Canyon Mine..

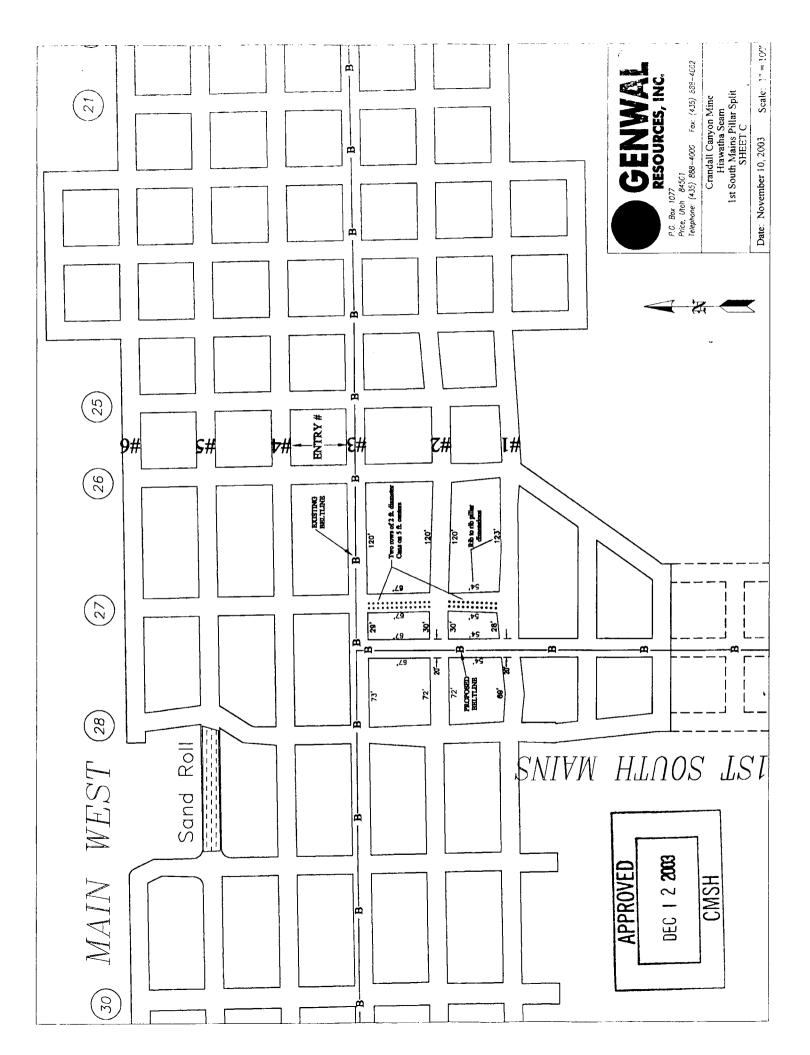
The following sequence of steps will be carried-out when this plan is initiated:

- 1. At a minimum, prior to any pillar split activities, two rows of <u>2 ft.</u> diameter OTW Cans on 5 ft. centers will be installed adjacent to the area to be split in x-cut #27 as shown in **Sheet B**. The first row of Cans will be placed approximately 4 ft. off the inby rib of x-cut #27. The yield capacity of each 2 ft. diameter OTW Can is approximately 110 tons.
- 2. Once installation of the OTW Cans is complete, the pillars will be split as part of a typical section neck-off mining sequence in accordance with the approved Ventilation and Roof Control plans.
- 3. The pillar spilt primary roof support will consist of #8 72" fully-grounted roof bolts on 5 ft. centers with supplement support consisting of wire mesh will be installed. During the pillar splitting process the roof and ribs will be continuously evaluated. The width of the pillar split entry will be limited to no greater than 20 ft. Sheet C shows the completed mining sequence and approximate finished pillar dimensions.









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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Site-Specific Longwall Notch

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated November 3, 2004, and five drawings, addressing cutting and supporting a notch for installation of a longwall face bolter. This amendment will be incorporated into the current plan, originally approved on July 3, 2002.

This approval is site-specific for the  $2^{nd}$  Right Tailgate and will terminate after the longwall is extracted. Since this approval is site-specific, no pages in the roof control plan will be superseded. That is, this amendment will be added to the roof control plan as a separate attachment.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all miners affected by this amendment.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please contact

Sincerely,

/s/ Allyn C. Davis

Allyn C. Davis District Manager

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November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health Denver, Colorado 80225

> Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Sir:

Please find attached a site-specific roof control amendment to the MSHA approved roof control plan for the Crandall Canyon Mine. This amendment addresses the mining and supporting of a notch in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Right Tailgate just outby the longwall extraction face to allow for the installation of a pan line bolter.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 888-4016 or Jim Pruitt at (435) 687-5420.

Sincerely,

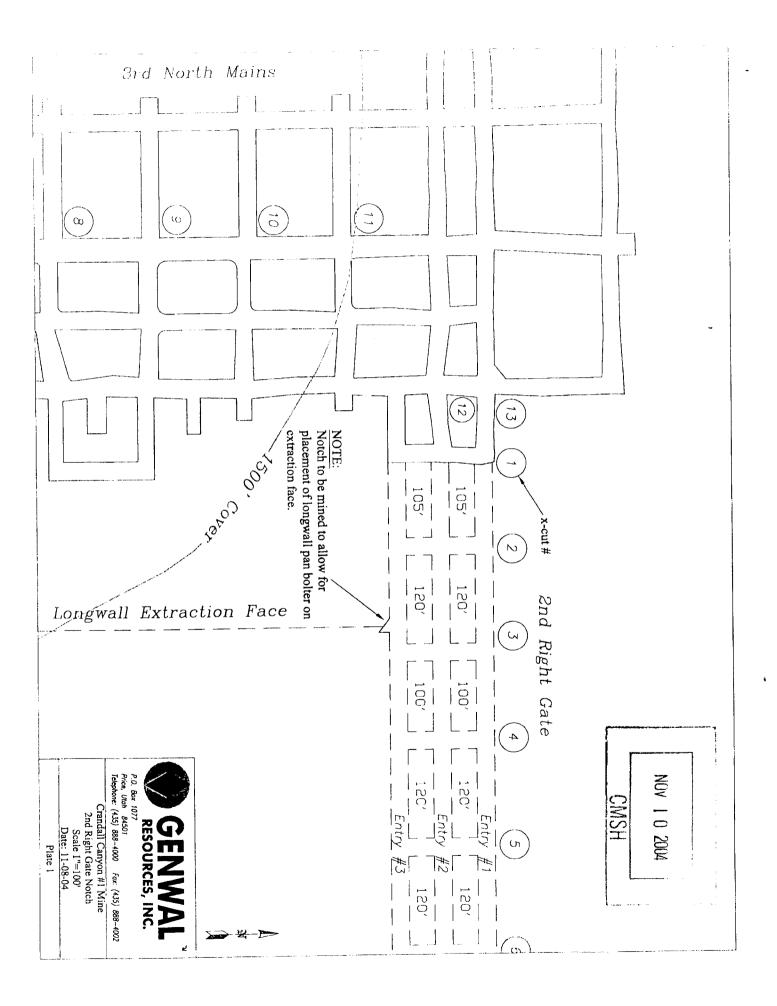
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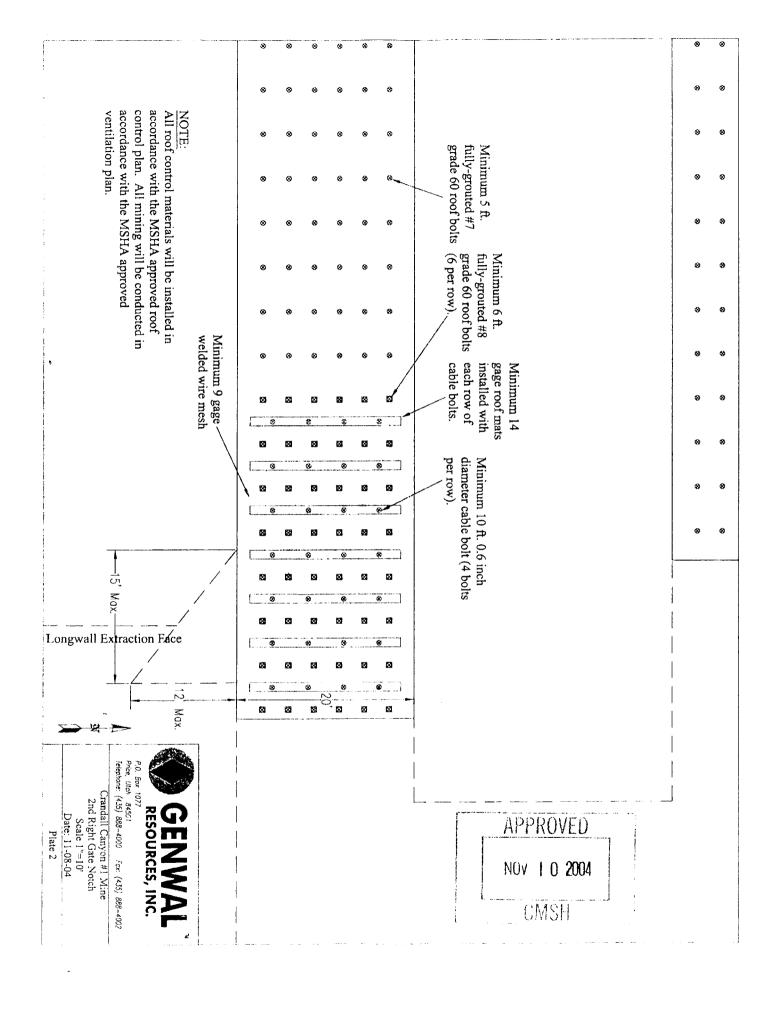
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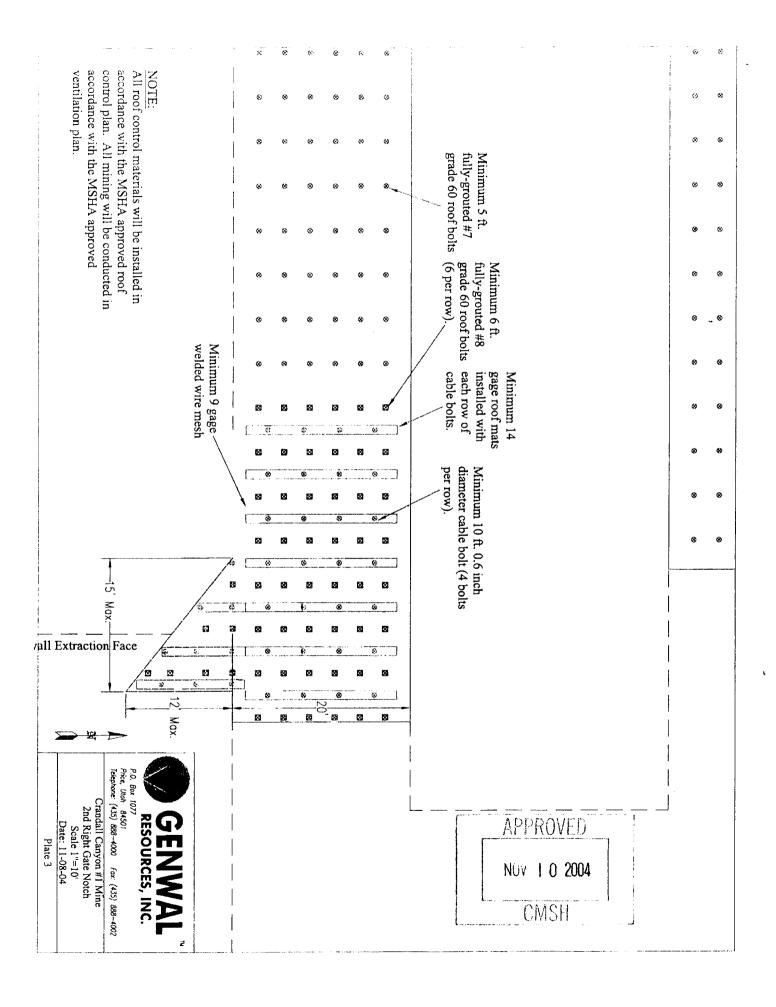
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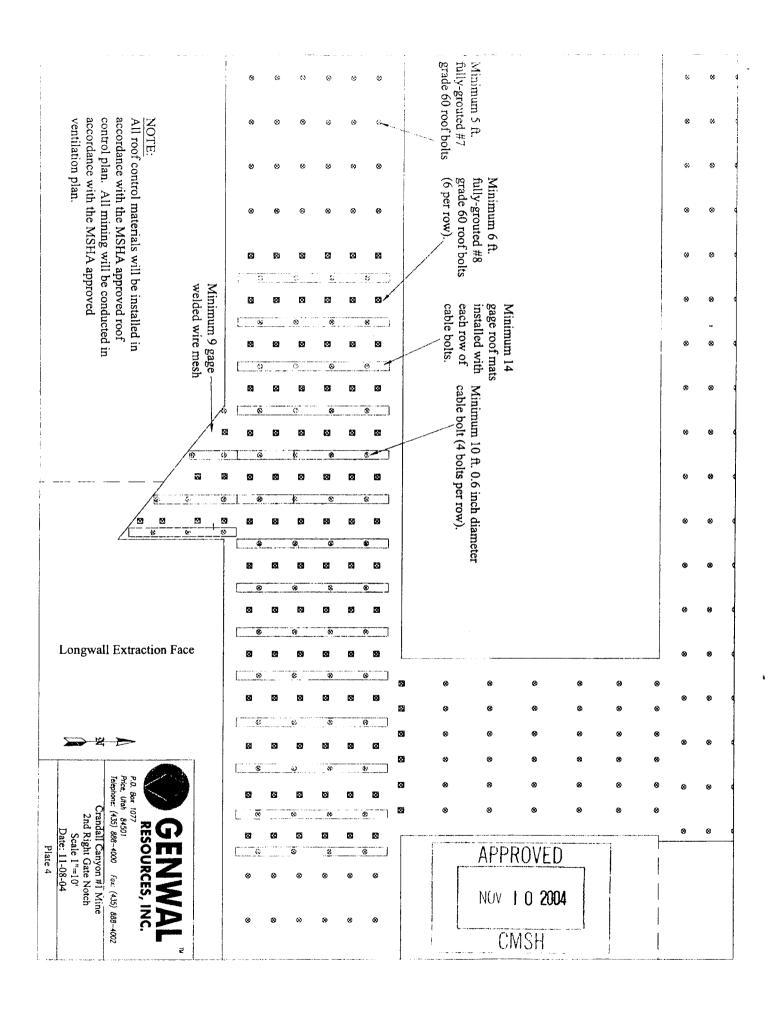
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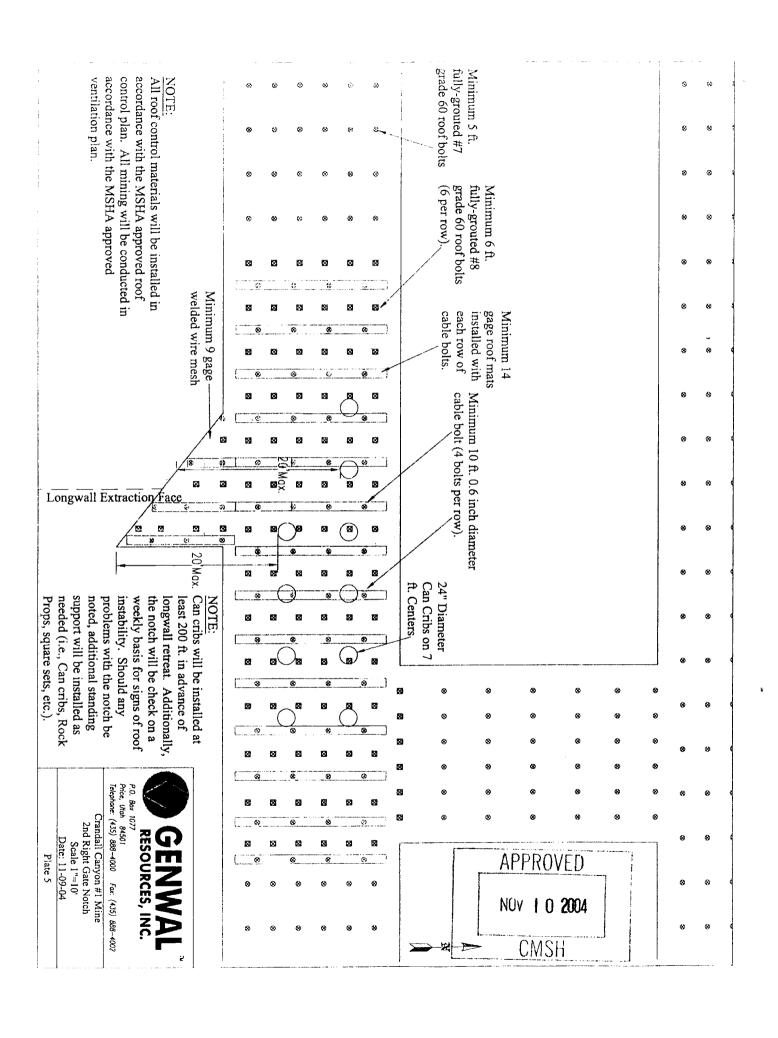
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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

RE: Crandall Canyon Mine
ID No. 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment
Pillar Mining

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan amendment is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

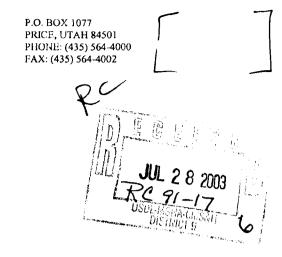
The submittal consisted of the following:

Cover letter, dated May 20, 2003. Cover letter, dated July 24, 2003. Fax cover sheet, dated September 4, 2003 Pages 21 and 22, dated May 20, 2003. Page 23, dated September 4, 2003. Page 24, dated May 20, 2003. Page 25, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 26 and 27, dated September 4, 2003. Pages 28 thru 30, dated May 20, 2003. Page 31, dated July 24, 2003. Page 32, dated May 20, 2003. Pages 33 and 34, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 35 and 36, dated May 20, 2003. Page 37, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 38 and 39, dated May 20, 2003. Page 40, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 41 thru 45, dated May 20, 2003. Pages 46 and 47, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 48 and 49, dated May 20, 2003. Page 50, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 51 thru 53, dated May 20, 2003. Pages 54 and 55, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 56 thru 62, dated May 20, 2003. Page 63, dated July 24, 2003. Pages 64 thru 66, dated May 20, 2003. Pages 67 thru 77, dated July 24, 2003.



July 24, 2003

Mr. Alynn Davis
District Manager
Coal Mine Safety & Health
P.O. Box 25367
Denver, Colorado 80225



Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

### Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval those pages as identified in your letter of July 14, 2003 noting changes that were needed to the submittal. Please also note that some added pages are included with corrections, these corrections were discussed in a conversation with Mr. Bob Hendrix's of your office prior to your letter. Summary of deficiencies and replacement pages are as follows:

- Item 1; new page 23
- Item 2; new page 25
- Items 3, 4, and 5; new page 26 with exception to item 4, as stated these cuts would need roof bolted and that is stated within the notes on the page. Positioning of the MRS units anywhere within those cuts prevents the mining cycle, and placement of the MRS units after the mining cycle prevents the roof bolting cycle. Placement of the MRS units in any other locations for use during the number 5 and 12 cuts other than where now shown on drawing, may require installation within the gob. Which is not practical.
- Item 6; new page 27
- Items 7 and 8 duplicate requests
- Item 9; new pages 33 and 34
- Item 10; new pages 46 and 47
- Item 11; new pages 54 and 55
- Item 12; new pages 67 through 75
- Item 13; new pages 76 and 77
- Item 14; new pages 82 through 91
- Item 15; new pages 92 and 93
- Added pages form Hendrix's conversation; 31, 37, 40, 50, and 63

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When approved please add these pages to the present plan that was submitted on May 20, 2003 and

then attach to the approved Roof Control Plan, which was approved July 2002.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 687-5420 mine site.

Sincerely,

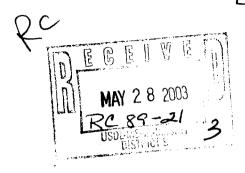
Jim Pruitt Safety Director

Genwal Resources Inc.



May 20, 2003

Mr. Alynn Davis
District Manager
Coal Mine Safety & Health
P.O. Box 25367
Denver, Colorado 80225



Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

Please find enclosed for your review and approval Genwal's proposed pillar extraction plan utilizing Mobile Roof Supports (MRS). The previous submittals of April 4, 2003 and May 7, 2003 concerning the pillar extraction plan need to be withdrawn from the approval process and replaced with this current submittal. This submittal incorporates those items as discussed with Mr. Bob Hendrix's of your office. When approved please add these pages to the present plan that was approved on July 2002.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435) 687-5420 mine site.

Sincerely

Jim Pruitt Safety Director

Genwal Resources Inc.

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# CRANDALL CANYON MINE

# BASE PLAN APPROVED JULY 3, 2002

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Coal Mine Safety and Health District 9

Laine W. Adair General Manager Genwal Resources, Inc. P.O. Box 1077 Price, UT 84501

> RE: Crandall Canyon Mine ID No. 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Adair:

The referenced roof control plan is approved in accordance with 30 CFR 75.220(a)(1).

The submittal consisted of a cover letter, dated January 9, 2002, and 21 pages, a cover letter, dated February 1, 2002, and a revised page 2, a cover letter, dated May 20, 2002, and revised pages 10, 11 and 15, and those items as discussed and noted between Laine Adair and Billy Owens on July 1, 2002. The plan is subject to revision at any time and shall be reviewed by the operator and MSHA at least once every six months.

This plan supersedes the previously approved plan and all previously approved amendments.

A copy of this approval must be made available to the miners and must be reviewed with all persons affected by this plan.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please\_contact

Sincerely,

Allyn C. Davis

District Manager

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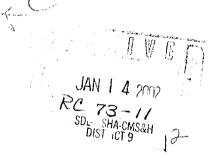


January 9, 2002

P.O. Box 1077, Mile Post 33, Hiway 31, Huntington, Ut 84528 Telephone (435) 687-5420 - Fax (435) 687-5422

District Manager Coal Mine Safety & Health P.O. Box 25367 Denver, Colorado 80225

> Re: Crandall Canyon Mine I.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan



Dear Mr. Davis:

In response to your letter of December 4, 2001 concerning a number of discrepancies to the current approved roof control plan, please find enclosed for your review and approval a complete revised roof control plan. To assist in the review and for identifying the changes made in response to the discrepancies noted in your letter, please note the following:

# Discrepancies as numbered:

## Action taken;

1 - 4	New page with items addressed changed.
5	Terms omitted and changed as noted.
6	Statement included.
7(a,b,d)	New statements added page 2,
7 (c)	Statement added item 5 page 3
8	Statement included. Statement included about tunnel liners or arches item
	C (3).
9	Page removed.
10	Changes as noted.
11	New page, now shown on page 8.
12 (a,b,c)	Changes as noted.
13 - 17	Changes as noted.
18 - 21	Page removed
22	Changes as noted.
23 - 25	Reference page 13 only retained and assigned new page # of page 10,
	changes as noted.
26 - 31	Changes as noted, assigned new page # as page 11.
32 - 42	Pages removed.

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43	Change as noted, new page # 12
44 - 48	Changes as noted, new nage # 13
49 - 51	Changes as noted, new page # 14 CMS&H
52	Items addressed
53	With Two-Entry mining method x-cuts become part of existing gob, the
	tailgate entry in it's entirety is supported and maintained as described.
54	Statement is current as to equipment used.
55	Dukes added to support list.
56 - 60	Changes as noted, new page #'s 16 and 17
61 - 62	Changes as noted, new page # 20
63	Not Applicable
64	Statement added page 4 item H.
65	Statement added page 4 item I.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435)687-5420 minesite or (435)564-4000 main office.

Sincerely,

Jim Pruitt

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Re: Crandall Canyon Mine
I.D. # 42-01715
Roof Control Plan Amendment

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Dear Mr. Davis:

On January 9, 2002 a complete roof control plan was submitted for re-approval. This was in response to your letter of December 4, 2001 which identified a number of items and areas that was felt needed attention. In our hast to get the plan submitted in a timely manner, an oversight and an error we feel were inserted into the submitted plan. Item 7 (d) of your letter references bolting the roof within 8 hours after mining, we responded to this item and made the apparent change. However, after further review of the conditions at Genwal and the past History of roof falls at Genwal we feel that the 8 hours bolting requirement can be changed to a 24 hour time frame for bolting of a newly mined area.

In response to this item, please find enclosed a replacement page (2) for insertion into the complete roof control plan that was submitted for re-approval on January 9, 2002.

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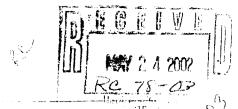
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May 20, 2002

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Re: Crandall Canyon Mine 1.D. # 42-01715 Roof Control Plan

Dear Mr. Davis:

In response to your letter of May 13, 2002, concerning changes to the submitted roof control plan of January 9, 2002, please find the following responses for your review and approval. When approved please add these pages to the complete plan that was submitted for approval on January 9, 2002.

#### Response to items identified by number;

- #1. The titles have been changes so that they agree.
- #2. The new drawing (page 10) now shows a turn row and a breaker row with corresponding description of installation on a new page 11.
- #3. Changes concerning turn row installation and the exceptions have been removed on the new page 11.
- #4. This item has been deleted on new page 11.
- #7. The reference to 9' skin to skin has been added to the new page 15.
- #8. In response to this issue, Genwal feels that an additional support in this area is not needed due to the following information. A review of the tail gate closure history from Genwal's records and filed reports for the past 5 years, reveals that there have only been 3 occurrences. Those being on 11/9/97, 10/10/97, and 3/24/99. This time frame involves a total of 11 mined tailgates, 9 of which were two entry tailgates. The notes taken during the investigation of the tailgate closures by Genwal and MSHA were reviewed, looking at the cause and location of each of these occurrences. In each case a channel margin of widening shale roof was encountered. Involvement was restricted to deterioration of the immediate roof in and around the permanent and supplemental supports. The area of roof involved was between the supplemental support to the block side or to the yield pillar side. Some rib cutters were identified. Also some lateral movement was noted in the occurrence of 3/24/99. The deterioration that was observed, was the roof screens that became loaded with material from the immediate roof. This condition caused the screens to sag and break allowing the material to hang down or fall to the floor impeding travel. In all cases,

the supports primarily remained intact with some roof bolt heads breaking off. It is noted, none of these blockages involved the cross-cuts. They ranged from only a small area 20 - 25 feet outby the face, to an area extending to a maximum distance of 120 feet outby of the face. It is also noted that these occurrences were isolated to the North West section of the mine. Panel 8 using 5<sup>th</sup> West as the headgate and 6<sup>th</sup> West(three entry) as the tailgate experienced 2 of the 3 reports. The other reporting was on panel 12 which used 1<sup>st</sup> West as the headgate and 2<sup>nd</sup> West(two entry) as the tailgate. Genwal is presently mining in the South West section of the mine and are moving into panel 18. We have successfully mined 5 complete panels using the present method of support, all without incidents.

Should you have any questions or need additional information please contact me at (435)687-5420 minesite.

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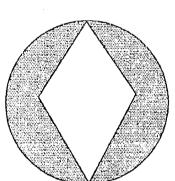
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#### **ROOF CONTROL PLAN** MINE ID# 42-01715

DECEMBER 20, 2001

## GENERAL INFORMATION

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В.	MINE: CRANDALL CANYON MINE LOCATION: HUNTINGT City	#1 MINE ON EMERY UTAH County State	
C.	LOCATION (reference to nee	orest highway route, direct OFF ROUTE NO. <u>STATE</u> 15 MILES NW OF HUNTIN	11101147(1 01
D. E. F.	TYPE(S) OF PLAN: <u>FULL E</u> AREA(S) OF MINE COVERED MAXIMUM COVER: <u>2,500</u>	BOLTING BY THE PLAN: <u>ENTIRE M</u> FEET	IINE
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	<b>†</b>		OMS86
	MAIN ROOF		SANDSTONE 10'-6"+
	IMMEDIATE ROOF		INTERBEDDED SHALE SANDSTONE, SILTSTONE 0-2'
	COAL BED		COAL (Hiawatha seam)4'-6" MIN
	FLOOR		SANDSTONE (Starpoint) 10'-6"+
G.	Company's Official Signatu Roof Control Investigator The Roof previously	1 6	Date  date hereby supercedes all
	APPROVED BY	SAFETY Ti	DIRECTOR 01/05/02 tle Date

#### A. FACE EQUIPMENT:

- 1. LEE NORSE TD1-43 SERIAL # 3624 ATRS 11,250 LBS.
- 2. FLETCHER HDDR-13 SERIAL # 89027 37,125 LBS.
- 3. FLETCHER DDR-13B SERIAL # 90068 38,250 LBS.
- 4. FLETCHER DDO-17B SERIAL # 84090 36,000 LBS.

#### B. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR FULL BOLTING PLAN:

- 1. This roof control plan was formulated for normal conditions while using the mining system(s) described. In areas where subnormal roof conditions are encountered, indicated, or anticipated, the operator will evaluate and shall provide additional support or action where necessary. If changes are to be made in the mining system that necessitates any change in the roof control plan, the plan shall be revised and approved prior to implementing the new mining system.
- 2. When a side cut is planned to be turned from any mine opening, permanent supports (roof bolts) shall be installed inby the projected inby rib line or the side cuts either left or right, with at least three (3) full rows of permanent supports or at least to within 5 foot of the face. When a side cut holes through into or is started from a permanently supported entry, room, or crosscut, the intersection so created shall be considered unsupported and no work shall be done in or inby such intersection unless the provisions of item (i) below are followed: **Note Exception**

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(i) The newly created intersection opening, shall be supported with at least one row of posts or roof jacks installed from under permanent supports on not more than five foot centers across the opening or one row with a minimum of 4 permanent supports on five foot centers are installed as shown in the drawing on page 20.

Exception:

Travel inby the newly created intersection opening for preforming required examinations or necessary ventilation changes may be allowed, no other work shall be preformed.

#### 3. REMOTE OPERATED CONTINUOUS MINER PRECAUTIONS:

- (a) A conspicuous reference mark on the continuous mining machine or some other visual means shall be provided for the workers to determine when the maximum depth of cut is attained.
- (b) When subnormal or adverse roof conditions are encountered, the depth of the cut will be limited until roof conditions have improved to a point where extended cuts may be resumed. At least one 20-foot cut will be taken in good (normal) roof areas and the roof evaluated by the mine foreman or section foreman before extended cuts are resumed.
- (c) Areas will be bolted within 24 hours after mining, especially if the roof is composed of laminated, unconsolidated material. Places will not remain unbolted over weekends or over any other extended periods, regardless of the roof strata. Unless the roof bolter is broke down.

- On haulage ways, all crossbars or beams shall be installed with some means of support (i.e., pan straps, mats, etc.) that will prevent the beam or crossbar from falling in the event the supporting legs are accidentally dislodged.
- When the continuous mining machine is being operated from the 5. remote position, neither the operator nor any other person shall be inby the second row of permanent roof supports outby the face area (next to the last row), while the continuous mining machine is in operation. No person shall be inby the continuous mining machine's work position while coal is being For the purpose of identifying the cut, mined or loaded. second outby row of permanent roof supports for haulage equipment operators in deep cut sections, a warning device shall be placed on the next to the last row of permanent supports.
- A calibrated torque wrench or an other accepted means of 6. measuring the torque shall be provided on each bolting machine.
- Two safety jacks shall be maintained within the immediate 7. working section to be used when adverse roof conditions are encountered and the ATRS does not supply adequate protection for the roof bolting machine operator.
- ROOF SUPPORT FOR CLEANUP OF ROOF FALLS, OVERCASTS AND OUTBY C. AREAS.

This section of the roof control plan is designed to address the areas of the mine outby the face area and in areas where the ATRS will not pressurize against the roof.

During the cleanup of roof falls and overcasts outby the face area. A row of temporary supports will be installed on 5 foot centers not more than 5 feet inby the last row And has your of permanent support prior to the installation of the next row of permanent support. To be used only when a Roof Bolting machine not equipped with an ATRS or the JUL - 3 2662 ATRS can not be made to pressurize against the roof. Manufactured and Certified ATRS extensions may be used instead of temporary supports to allow pressurizing ATRS

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- against the roof. In areas in the face which have experienced roof falls 2. and the ATRS cannot be made to pressurize against the roof, a row of temporary support will be installed within 5 feet of the last row of permanent support on 5 foot centers. This will be done prior to the installation of the next row of permanent supports. Temporary supports shall be removed by remote means on each advance of the
- No tunnel liners or arches are presently used at this 3. mine, a site specific plan will be provided if used.

permanent supports.

#### D. RIB CONTROL PLAN

Rib control (control of sloughage) shall be dictated by rib conditions and operator evaluation. To control rib conditions, the use of cribs, timbers, bolting, or scaling down will and can be used. If resin bolts are used in the process of rib control, bolts shall be placed at the appropriate spacing and angles to achieve the proper control.

#### E MISCELLANEOUS

- The portals that are used for travel shall be constructed to protect people from falling material.
- When underground workings proceed within 150' of known outcrops, faults, or burn areas, additional supporting materials will be employed to control the roof.

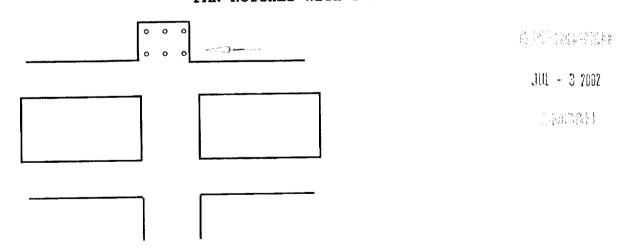
#### F. Outby Pillar Splitting Plan

A site specific plan will be submitted to MSHA for approval prior to the splitting of any outby pillar.

#### G. Axillary Fan Notches

Fan notches may be developed a maximum of 10' deep and 20' wide using normal crosscut development procedure ( refer to drawing below). MULTIPLE ENTRY/TWO ENTRY

FAN NOTCHES WITH 3 BOLTS IN NOTCH



- H. Bleeder entries will be maintained free of roof falls and standing water in excessive depths which would prevent safe travel of the bleeder.
- I. Polyurethane grout use precautions are addressed in the approved Ventilation Plan.

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		ROOF	SUF	PORT	MA	TERIA	L LIST	
TYPE OF BOLT	LENGTH DF BDLT	DIAMETER OF BOLT	GRADE OF BOLT	ANCHURAGE TYPE	DRILL HOLE SIZE	INSTALLED TORQUE RANGE (FT-LB)	INTERVAL	MANUFACTURERS DESIGNATION
NON- TENSIONED GROUTED	60° MIN.	3/4" 7/8" 1"(.914) 1-1/8"	GR 60	RESIN LENGTH WILL MATCH BOLT LENGTH	1" 1-1/8" (1-1/8 to 1-3/8") 1-1/2"	150 MIN. ONE BOLT IN FIRST ROW ONLY	N/A	R KB WVKU B VBD KW UB BI KK M IB KI BB PB KP
MECHANICAL	.60" MIN	5/8 <b>′</b> 3/4 <b>′</b>	GR 75	EXPANSION SHELL	1-3/8 <b>*</b> 1-3/8 <b>*</b>	100-200 150-250	1 PER PLACE BOLTED	R KB WVKU B VB D KW UB BI KK M IB KI BB PB KP
INSTALL BOLT	60' MIN	3/4" .677" MIN.	GR 75	RESIN GROUTED MECHANICAL ANCHOR	1" TD 1-5/8"	100-300	1 PER PLACE BOLTED	UB BI KK M IB KI BB PB KP
RESIN GROUTED/ MECHANICAL ANCHORED	60" MIN.	3/4" MIN. ANCHOR 5/8" MIN. MECH. SEC.		RESIN GROUTED MECHANICAL ANCHOR	1" TO 1-1/2" 1" TO 1-1/2"	150-350 150-350	N/A	R KB WVKU B VB D KW UB BI KK M IB KI BB PB KP

BEARING PLATES: BEARING PLATE STRENGTH WILL MATCH BOLT STRENGTH  $5' \times 5''$ ,  $6' \times 6''$ ,  $6' \times 16''$ ,  $6' \times 18''$ ; 3/16'' & 3/4'' thick; Hole Diameter 1-1/4'' Max. 7" x 5" CHANNEL PLATE

#### \_IST OF MATERIALS USED WITH ROOF BOLTS

Header Blocks Planks

Wooden Crossbars Steel Channel Wire Rope

Steel Roof Mats Wire Mesh Aluminum Beams Steel Bearing Plates-Beams

Chain Link Fence

Tensar Polymer Grid BX3316 and GC3320

NOTE: 1. All materials conform to the specifications of ASTM F 432-95 and will be installed, used, and/or discarded according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

2. 24" Mechanical bolts (belt hangers)

#### SUPPLEMENTAL ROOF SUPPORT MATERIALS LIST

Corrugated Plate Arches Polyurethane grout (rock lock)
Steel Sets
Dukes
Cable Bolts Posts Crossbars Cap Blocks Planks Wedges

Crib Blocks Metal Jacks Split Sets

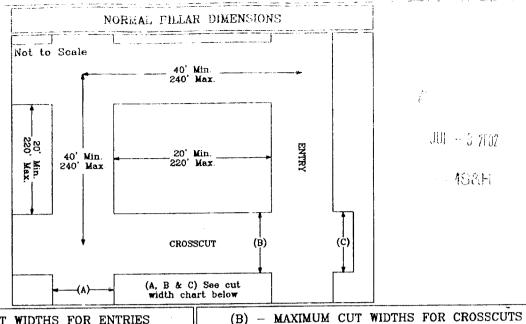
OTW Supports

Metal Jacks Split Sets Trusses
DTW Supports
JM Roof Trusses
Fiberglass Bolt (Longwall block rib support)

Hand Packable Variable Yeilding Cribs (HP VYC)

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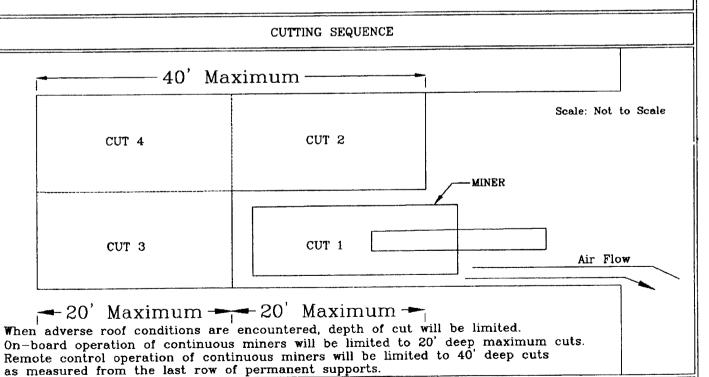
(A) - MAXIMUM CUT WIDTHS FOR ENTRIES	(B) - MAXIMUM CUT WIDTHS FOR CROSSCUTS
ENTRIES (NORMAL MINING) 20' ROOM ENTRIES 20' LONGWALL SET-UP ENTRY 25' BELT DRIVE/BELT STORAGE UNIT 24'	ROOM CROSSCUTS

#### INFORMATION & PROCEDURES

- 1. Crosscuts may range from 45° to 90° left to right or right to left.
- 2. Crosscuts may be staggered or adjacent. Pillar dimensions are independent from one another.
- 3. Minimum of 4 bolts per row.

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4. Mirror image applies.

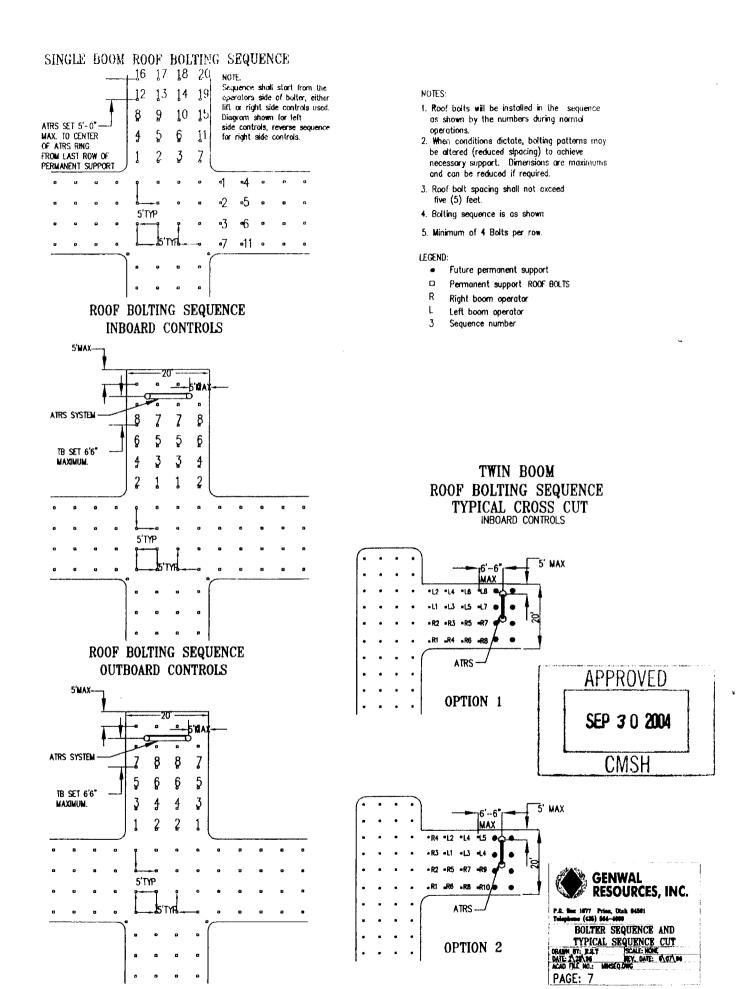


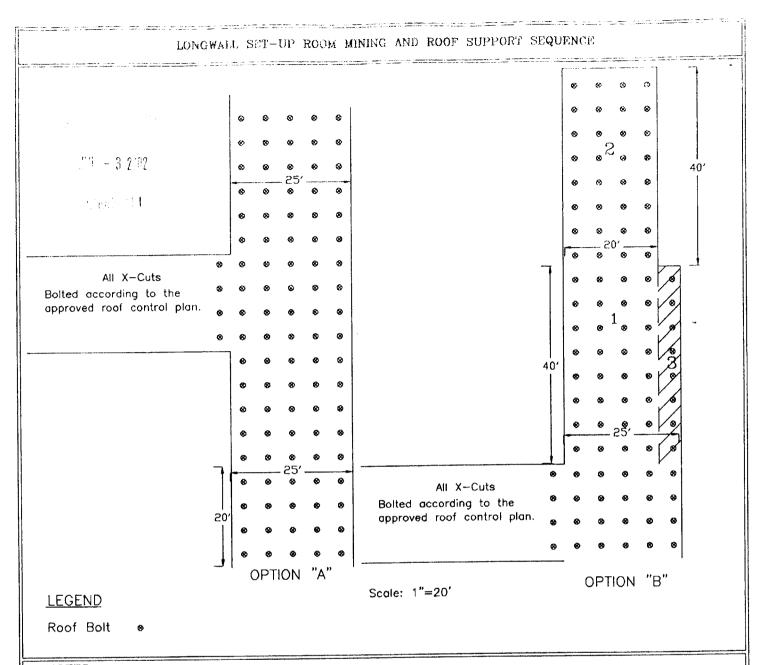
SEQUENCE OF MINING

FIGURE 2

FL: NORMAL MINING SEQUENCE-RP

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#### NOTES:

- 1. The set-up room will be mined to the approved widths during initial development of the set-up entries.
- 2. The depth of cuts will not exceed 20' option "A". The depth of cut will not exceed 40' option "B".
- 3. Option "A" mined 25' wide from start. Option "B" mining sequence; cut "1" mined 20' wide for 40' then bolted; cut "2" mined 20' wide for 40' continious miner then backs up and slabs rib of previous cut "1" by 5' noted as "3"; bolting of slabbed area to completed first before bolting area "2".
- 4. 5' long fully grouted resin bolts will be installed on not more than 5' centers to support the set-up room.

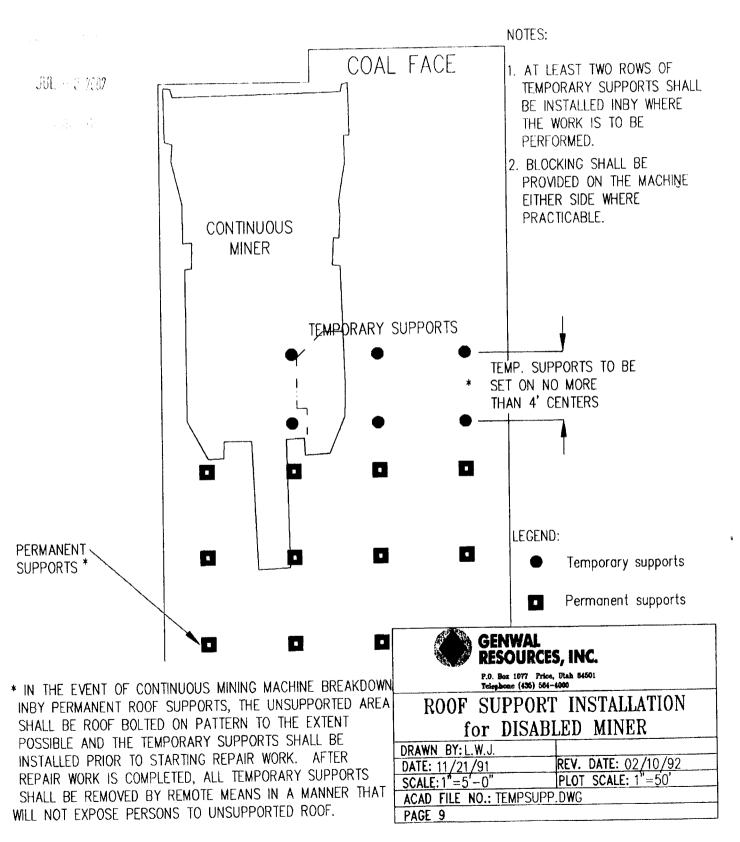
#### TYPICAL LONGWALL SUPPORT SYSTEM

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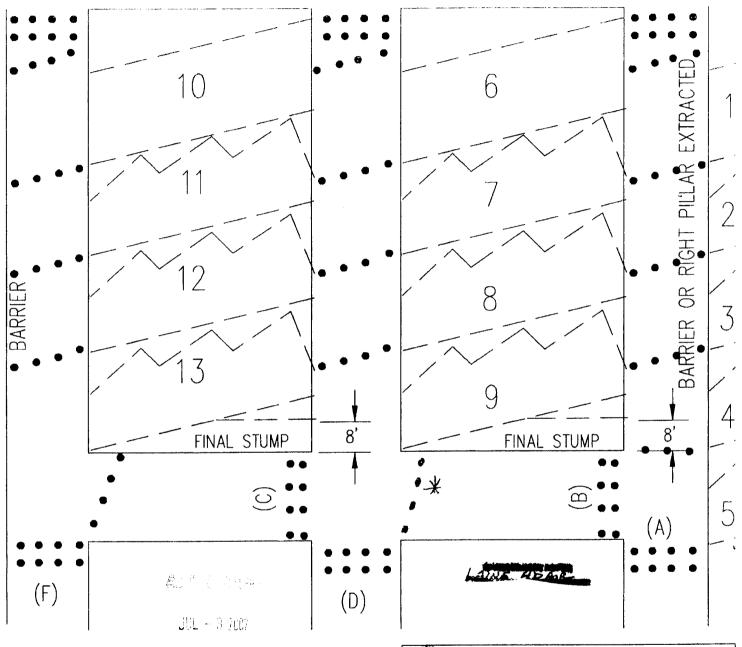
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#### ROOF SUPPORT INSTALLATION for DISABLED MINER INBY PERMANENT SUPPORTS

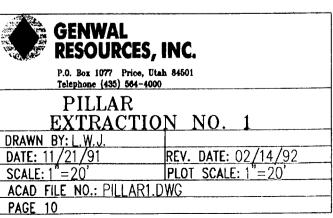


# REMOTE CONTROL PILLAR EXTRACTION NO. 1



See page 11 for details of breaker and radius turn row support installation.

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#### REMOTE CONTROL PILLAR EXTRACTION NO. 1

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- 1. Breaker rows shall be installed on 4' centers.
- 2. Radius/turn row timbers shall be installed on 4' centers.
- 3. Radius/turn row timbers shall be installed prior to the start of the cut.
- 4. Final stumps will be left intact.
- 5. Breaker row A installed prior to cut 4 being mined.
- 6. Breaker row B installed after cut 5 and prior to cut 6 being mined.
- 7. Breaker row C and D installed after cut 9 is mined and before cut 10.
- 8. Breaker row F installed after cut 13 is mined.
- 9. Breaker rows will be installed at the locations indicated and will be installed as close to the break line as practicable. Previous breaker installation shall proceed the same across section.
- 10. In sections equipped with a remote control continuous miner, advance will be limited to the extent that the shuttle car operator's controls remain under supported top.
- 11. Direction of pillar and pillar row will be optional, depending on the existing ground conditions. Pillar extraction will start and remain the same throughout the row of pillars being mined. No left and right mining from the same entry will be done.
- 12. Size of stumps between full cuts 1 to 4, respectively on each pillar, may be reduced as shown and will vary in size.

#### SAFETY PRECAUTIONS FOR LONGWALL SHIELDS:

1. Genwal Resources Inc. currently utilizes JOY double leg shield supports, rated at 875 tons per shield. These supports range in height capabilities of up to 112 inches.

## The following precautions will apply to use of the $\underline{\mathtt{JOY}}$ shield supports:

- A. Shields will be positioned with pressure against the mine roof at all times except when being advanced. A shield may be lowered away from the roof when necessary to affect repairs to the shield or to use the shield to assist in moving parts along the longwall face, or to assist in clearing the walkway. A shield will be lowered only for the time necessary to complete the work. Only one shield may be lowered at a time in an area so that shields on either side of a lowered shield are set against the roof.
- B. Shields being towed due to faulty ram jacks shall be pressurized against the mine roof after completion of the face conveyor being advanced.
- C. All shields shall be equipped with adjacent unit controls. Shields will be operated from the adjacent shield unless a control malfunction prevents shield operation. Shield control malfunctions will be repaired as promptly as possible. The following safety precautions shall be taken when a shield must be operated from an in-shield position.
  - 1. The shield will be operated from the front catwalk.
  - 2. An observer will be placed in a safe position to warn the operator of hazards while the shield is moved.
- D. No persons will be permitted to enter the face side of the cable trough unless the face conveyor has been locked out and adequate temporary roof and/or face supports have been provided as needed.



#### SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS FOR A TAILGATE BLOCKAGE:

- In the event that travel from the longwall face to the tailgate entry is blocked by roof support.
  - A. All miners on the longwall face will be notified that the travel way is blocked.
  - B. All miners on the longwall face will be reinstructed in the following emergency procedures:
    - a. Section escapeway routes
    - b. Location of mantrips
    - c. The use of the SCSR
  - C. Section communication with the surface will be checked. During the production of coal and/or while persons are working on the longwall face, a individual will be stationed at the phone on the headgate side of the longwall. The face communications system will be kept operational.
  - D. The intake air to the longwall face will be continuously monitored for CO by the mine wide monitoring system or by hand held instruments.
  - E. A diesel mantrip will be maintained in the headgate entry within 1,000-feet of the face while miners are on the face.
- 2. In the event that travel from the longwall face through the tailgate side of the longwall is blocked by loose material or a roof fall:
  - A. In addition to the above requirements:

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- B. M.S.H.A. shall be notified of the blockage.
- C. Attempts to remove the blockage, to establish ventilation, will be made by:
  - a. Washing out the material with a water hose.
  - b. Loading out the material with the conveyor.
  - c. Loading out the material with the shearer.

- Coal mining may be resumed when adequate ventilation is restored. M.S.H.A. will be notified of the ventilation being restored.
- 4. In the event that the ventilation cannot be restored without mining through the blockage area:
  - A. M.S.H.A. will be notified of the conditions.
  - B. With the agreement of M.S.H.A. coal may be mined, to mine through the blockage with the following precautions:
    - a. Fire-hose type sprays will be added to each drum to suppress coal dust.
    - b. Coal will be cut from the face a maximum of 20 shields at a time. Mining will cease until the dust has cleared.
    - c. All persons will be required to wear respiratory protection and will be restricted from the area downstream of the shearer.
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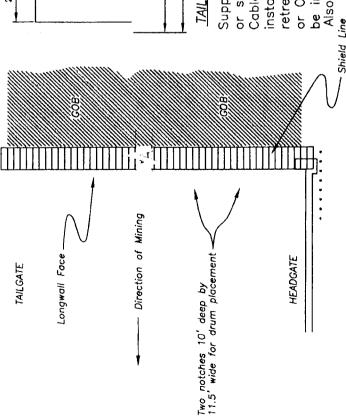
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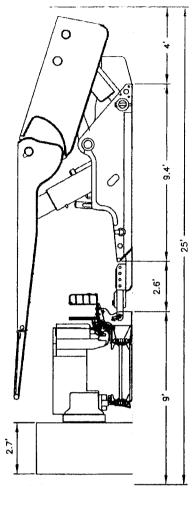
- 5. Precautions and procedures for a tailgate blockage will remain in effect until a travel way from the face through the tailgate has been reestablished.
- 6. Efforts to maintain a safe travel from the longwall face through the headgate to the primary escapeway will be accomplished by the use of additional supports and by removing any deep standing water, those items that hinder travel.
- 7. In the event of a headgate blockage items 1 4 above shall be implemented.

#### Tailgate Support Method:

Systematic supplemental support should be installed and maintained throughout the tailgate of the first longwall panel prior to the start of longwall mining. Example; installing longer roof bolts and installing at least 20% more roof bolts than required by the approved roof control plan on development, where minimal amount of cover is encountered (i.e. 1000ft).

Each adjacent panel will have a safe travel way out of the tailgate maintained by the means described in the tailgate support plan. This supports will be installed during the advancement of the next gate section or during mining of the preceding panel as described in the tailgate support plan.





# OF ADJACENT PANEL TAIL CATE SUPPORT INCLUDING PROPOSED TAILGATE

or support can be installed adjacent to face headgate side during retreat. Cable Bolts: Pattern of 3 bolts (minimum of 10 foot length) or Omegas will be spaced a maximum of 9' skin to skin apart and may Support will be maintained 250' outby the face in the active tailgate, installed evenly spaced between permanent supports installed on be installed center line or offset towards the yield pillars. retreat, and or Cribs and or Omega Cylinders — Cribs Also see Tailgate Support Method: page 14

# LONGWALL EQUIPMENT

ROOF SUPPORTS SHEARER င္ပ Ş

STAGE LOADER CRUSHER Š þ

Shield support center to center is 1750 mm (5.74').

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Side flaps routinely provide skin to skin protection.

between shield.

3. Hydraulic jacks may be added as additional support. A crib may be installed in place of four hydralic jacks.

When the distance between 1st shield and the rib exceeds 10 feet, posts will be installed as shown.

L.W. ASSOCIATES CONVEYOR HAUHINGO HYDRAULIC SYSTEM LINE POWER ELECTRICS

# JOY SHIELDS

2 LEG, 875 TON CAPACITY
RANGE: 48" COLLAPSED HEIGHT
112" EXTENDED HEIGHT

Timbers or hydraulic supports will be installed as needed

4. Face not to exceed 950'.

to suppliment headgate and tailgate area of face.

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Crandall Canyon Mine Roof Support Plan Longwall Gate

ACAD REF: ROOFSUP1

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# SAFETY PRECAUTIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR EXTRACTING SHIELDS FROM LONGWALL FACES (REFER TO ATTACHED DRAWINGS)

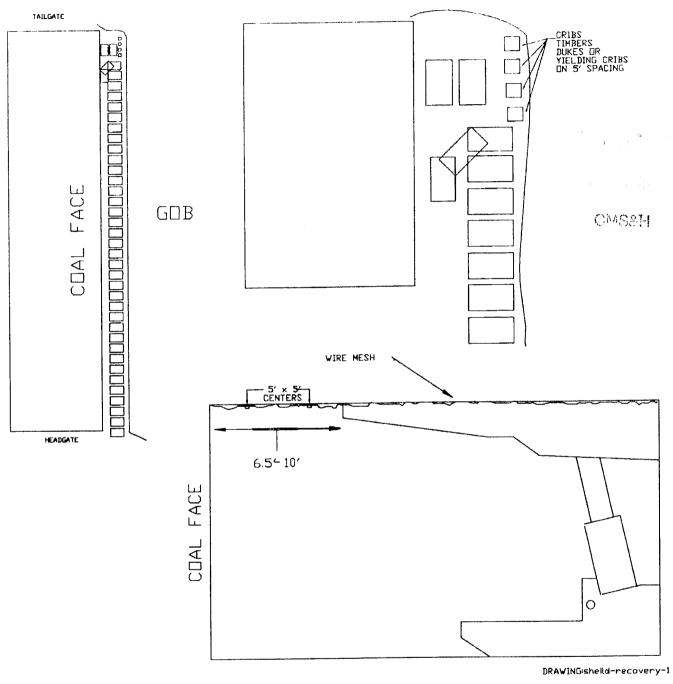
- 1. Shield removal equipment may be located at both the maingate and tailgate entries or at other convenient locations. The shearer, panline, drives, or other unnecessary equipment will be removed from the face area before shield extraction begins.
- Procedure for extracting shields starting with the end shield.
- A. Prior to the longwall reaching its stop line in preparation for a move, mesh (wire or poly grid) will be installed above the shields to prevent the gob from coming into the work area as the shields are removed. Also the last ten feet of roof will be bolted on five-foot centers with minimum five-foot bolts.
  - The normal support for maingate and tailgate entries, outby the end shield, remains in place. The supports may, however, be shifted to allow for turning of the end shield.
    - C. The rope or shield extractor is attached to the shield, and the shield is moved toward the sheave or removed panline area.
    - D. As the shield is moved from its starting position, supports (timber, cribs, and/or dukes) are installed as a breaker row at the edge of the gob.
    - E. As the shield is pulled toward the sheave, additional supports are used as necessary.
    - F. If the shield is pulled by a rope and sheave, it will be pulled to the sheave, the rope removed, and the other rope from a hoist located farther outby the first hoist and the shield pulled from the face area.
    - G. After the initial shield is extracted, subsequent shields may be pulled in sequence toward the tailgate and/or maingate, which ever direction applies. Steps C through F, above, apply for remaining shields.
    - H. This procedure may be used starting from the maingate and/or tailgate entries.
    - 3. A. All safety precautions and procedures A-F above apply.
      - B. Shield extraction alternating method is used to provide shield protection around the area where supports are to be placed or built. (NOTE DRAWING) Shield "A" removed, crib built, Shield "B" removed, trailing shields

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#### SHIELD RECOVERY PLAN

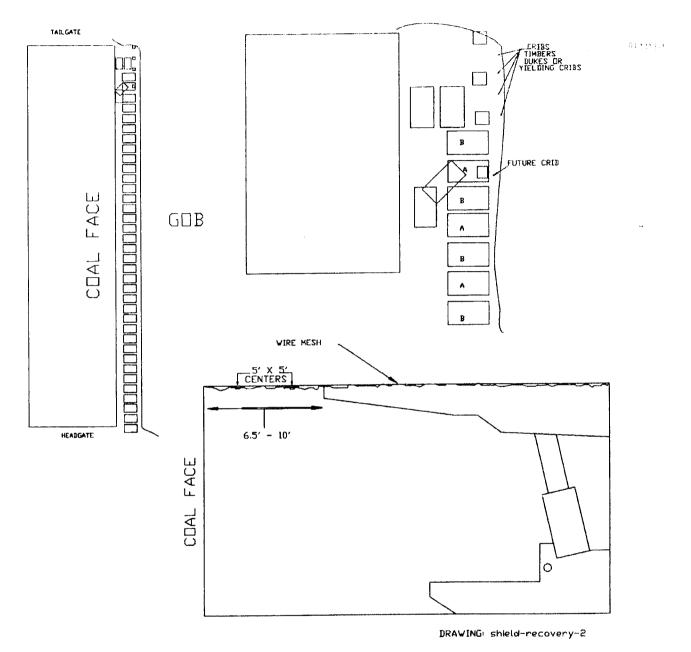


NOTE:

SHIELDS MOVED WITH SCOOP, MULE, OR CABLE



# SHIELD RECOVERY PLAN ALTERNATE METHOD



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#### Shield Extraction of Headgate Shields #1 and #2 on Low Seam Coal Longwalls.

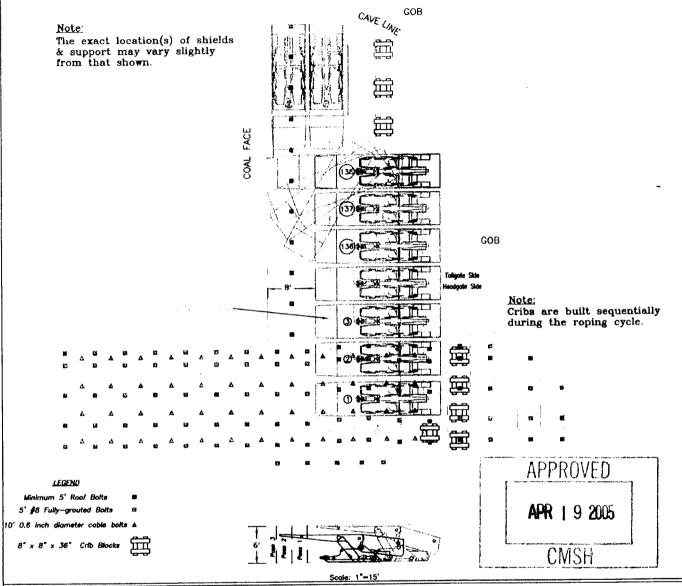
This plan will be used to allocate a sufficient clearance for Longwall face equipment removal due to the low seam height of approx. 61" in the gate area. These supports are gate end units, with canopy extensions, it is necessary to extract these first to attain additional clearance for removal of the remaining Longwall face equipment.

#### Steps for this plan shall consist of the following:

- 1. Cribs to be built in place during roping. (see plate #1, page 19B)
- 2. Face bolting will be completed before any extraction of supports.
- 3. Mesh and rope will be completed and anchored.
- 4. Stage loader, cross frame and 3 pan sections from headgate area will be removed.
- 5. Shield #1 will be removed then wood cribs, or Cans, or RocProps will be built in its place. (see plate #2, page 19C)
- 6. Shield #2 will be removed then wood cribs, or Cans, or RocProps will be built in its place. (see plate #3, page 19D)
- 7. Removal of Longwall shear, pan line and taildrive.
- 8. Extraction of remaining shields will then be from tailgate to headgate.

The headgate area will be supported with primary roof support consisting a minimum of 5' length #7 fully-grouted resin bolts. Additional secondary supports, consisting of 10' 0.6 inch diameter cable bolts on 5 ft. centers will be installed.

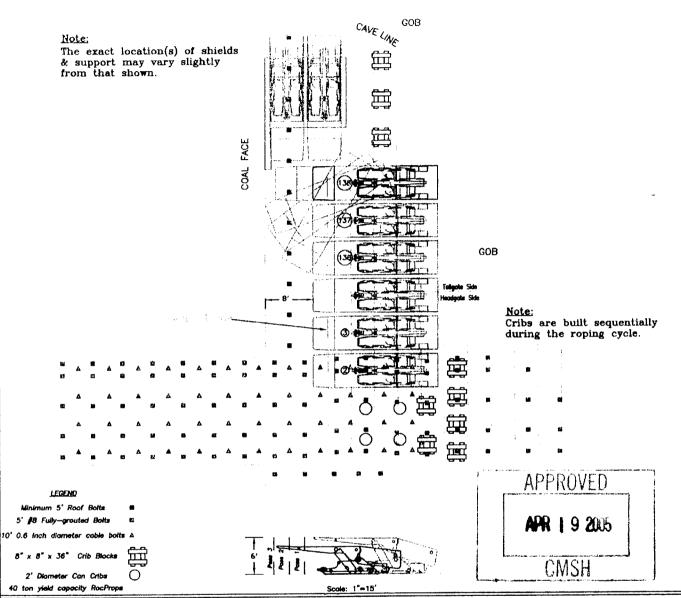




#### SHIELD RECOVERY AREA

- 1. Wire mesh begins about 35' from the face stop line.
- 2. Minimum 5/8" wire rope or equivalent nylon rope installed under wire mesh for about 20'.
- 3. Area between shields and face to be bolted with 5' minimum length bolts on 5' max. centers using rotary and rotary percussion drills.
- 4. Roof bolting of the recovery area will be performed with a stoper or other portable roof drill without an integral ATRS system.
- 5. Wire mesh extends for full length of face.
- 6. When installing the first row of roof bolts the shield tip to face distance shall not exceed 5'.

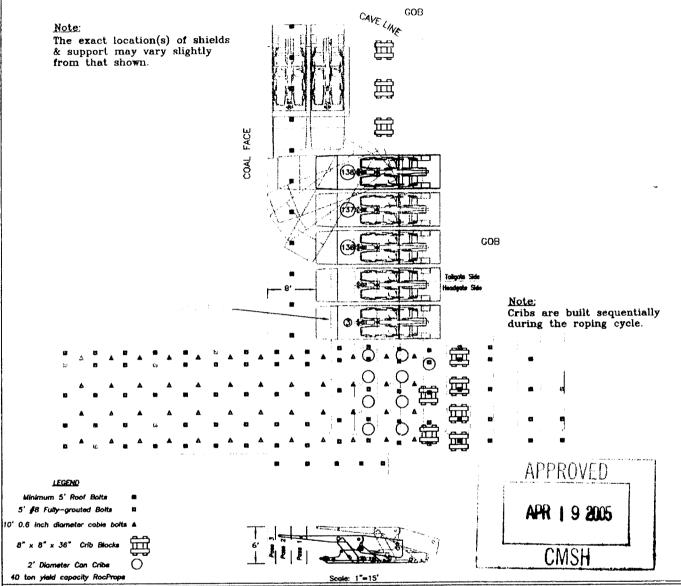
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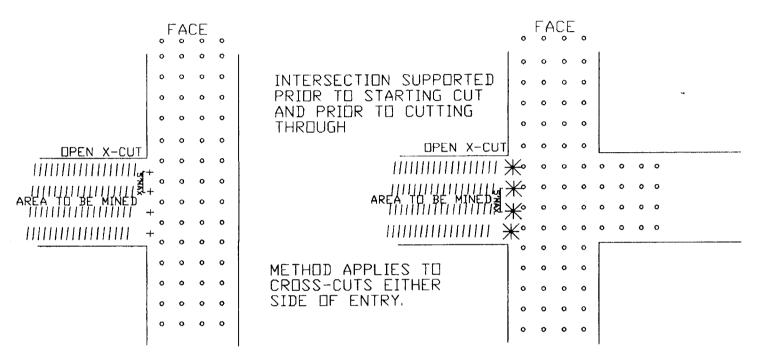
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#### OPEN CROSSCUT SUPPORT METHOD FOR WORKING IN OR INBY

(DDES NOT APPLY TO OPENING BEING MINED)



• ROOF BOLTS - NORMAL PATTERN

\*ROOF BOLTS USED FOR SUPPORT OF OPENING.
INSTALLED ACROSS OPENING ON NO MORE THAN (5) FOOT CENTERS.
MINIMUM OF (4) BOLTS PER ROW

\*\*TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT SUPPORTS TO SUPPORT OPENING.

NOTE: REFERENCE TO PAGE 2 ITEM 2.

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GENWAL RESOURCES INC 42-01715 ROOF CONTROL PLAN

#### **Mobile Roof Support Specifications** Components

Canopy

Electrics

Cable Reel

**Caving Shield** 

**Crowler Frame** 

**Hydraulic System** 

Plow

Remote Control

**Machine Dimensions:** 

Approximately Length-16'6" Width-87" Height - 50" collapsed, 110" extended

Under-clearance - 8" Weight - 42,000 LBS

Chassis:

Plow with dual towing eyes - position 12" above grade to 9" below grade.

20 LB. Ansul manually and remotely actuated fire suppression system.

Tram system;

JHF crawler drive with 16" wide forged pads. Rexroth - variable displacement drive motor. Two speeds, 0-80 FPM high torque tram controls

Remote System:

Structured mining system radio remote tram system

Two transmitters - 9 volt battery design

Two pendant controls

Four receivers

**Roof Support:** 

High strength canopy with load capacity of 800 Tons

Lemniscates guided canopy with side-to-side oscillation + or - 15 degrees.

Fore-Aft canopy tilt controlled limits, + or -25 degrees. Caving shield incorporated into Lemniscates linkage.

Super heavy 3/4" diameter chain with rubber belting between chain rows

**Electrics:** 

440 Volts AC

Permissible 50 HP, 440 volt, 1750-RPM Motor

#4-3 trailing cable, type G-GC Round

One 12-volt Halogen headlight at each end of chassis

One 12-volt Halogen headlight to illuminate roof pressure gauge

Area light as radio link indicator

**Hydraulics:** 

45 GPM variable volume with integral main relief pump

X/P solenoid operated control valves with manual overrides Two illuminated 6000-PSI pressure gauges on raise circuit

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#### Safety Precautions While Using Mobile Roof Supports During Pillar Extraction

- 1. All workings will be supported, at a minimum, in accordance with the approved roof control plan requirements.
- 2. A breaker row may consist of either:
  - a. Two rows of timbers, posts, steel post, dukes, etc. on a maximum spacing of four feet
- 3. Breaker posts may be knocked out by the MRS when the MRS is being set in the first cut in a block. However, this procedure will be followed one MRS at a time: the first MRS must be in position prior to the second MRS knocking out timber and being positioned.
- 4. MRS positions may be varied slightly, or angled, based on the operator's assessment of optimum placement for roof control purposes.
- 5. No cut will be mined until the MRS have been properly and fully advanced and set in position for that specific cut. The pressure on the MRS will be selected from the operating range (approximately 1100 to 2100 psi) to provide for compression of the immediate roof strata. If an MRS becomes inoperable, no mining will be preformed until the MRS is restored to operation, or is replaced by four temporary supports (timbers or jacks) set on a maximum four foot spacing. However, at no time will an inoperable MRS be replaced with timber or jacks in an entry where left and right mining (Christmas-tree method) is being conducted.
- 6. Any particular cut may be skipped as needed to address adverse conditions, equipment malfunctions, or other operational difficulties. However, no cut will be taken out of cycle.
- 7. The MRS operator, and all other personnel, will at all times be located outby the last active cut when lowering and moving the MRS units. Only persons who have received the proper task training will be permitted to operate the MRS. Manual operation of the MRS will be for maintenance purposes only. All personnel shall remain outby the operator during movement of the MRS.
- 8. During mining, no personnel on foot shall go beyond the second to last row of overhead roof supports and the inby edge of the canopy of the shuttle car shall not go beyond the last row of roof bolts. During pillar extraction, all personnel shall be positioned in a safe location away from roadway traffic.
- 9. No persons shall be allowed inby the continuous miner operator's work position while coal is being mined, nor will more than the essential number of people be involved in the moving of the continuous miner and its trailing cable until the continuous miner is completely outby the previous cut. All other personnel will remain outby the continuous miner. When moving the continuous miner and its trailing cable or the MRS and its trailing cable, the requirements of items 8 and 9 above will be followed. Excess trailing cable slack shall be systematically moved outby as a block is pillared, so as not to create any handling or tripping hazards.



- 10. If a MRS is moved out of position to facilitate equipment recovery (of another MRS or continuous miner) it shall be replaced by at least four temporary supports (timber or jacks) set on a maximum of four foot spacing.
- 11. In the event of equipment entrapment, permanent roof support shall be installed, if practical, as close as possible to the equipment prior to installing temporary roof support. Temporary roof supports will be installed in compliance with 30 CFR, 75.210. Roof support may be in the form of longer roof bolts, cribs, timbers, jacks or another MRS. All entrapment related work shall be preformed under permanent roof support or between temporary roof supports.
- 12. Only the minimum number of personnel deemed necessary shall be utilized in equipment retrieval operations. Such work will only commence after the proper support and protection is provided.
- Only persons trained in the operation of equipment retrieval devices will operate such devices. The trapped equipment may be pulled with an MRS, equipment retriever, the continuous miner or a scoop.
- 14. Prior to commencing equipment retrieval operations, a condition specific plan will be developed and reviewed with all participants in the recovery operation.



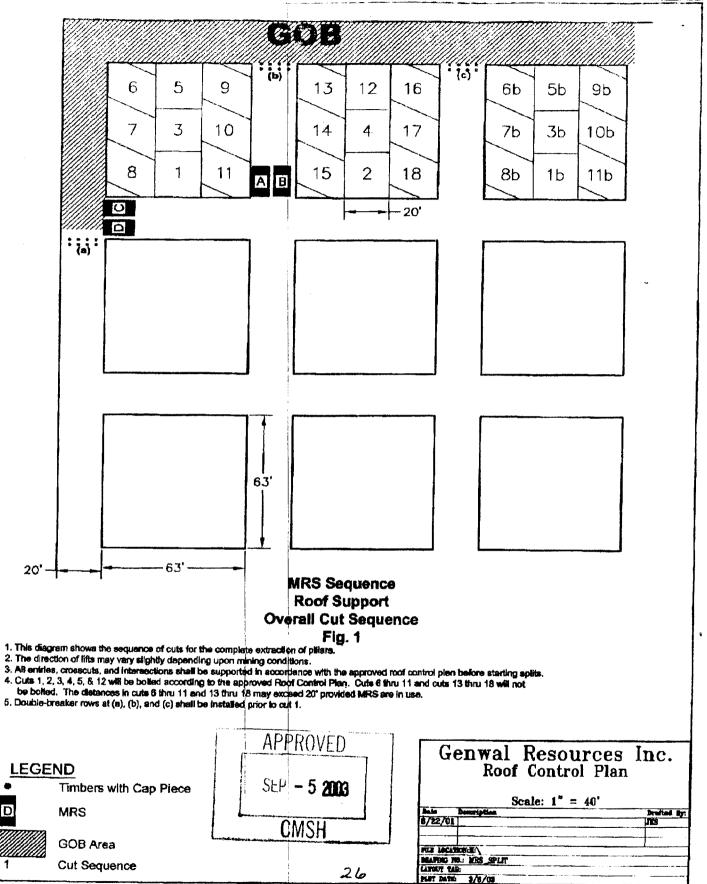
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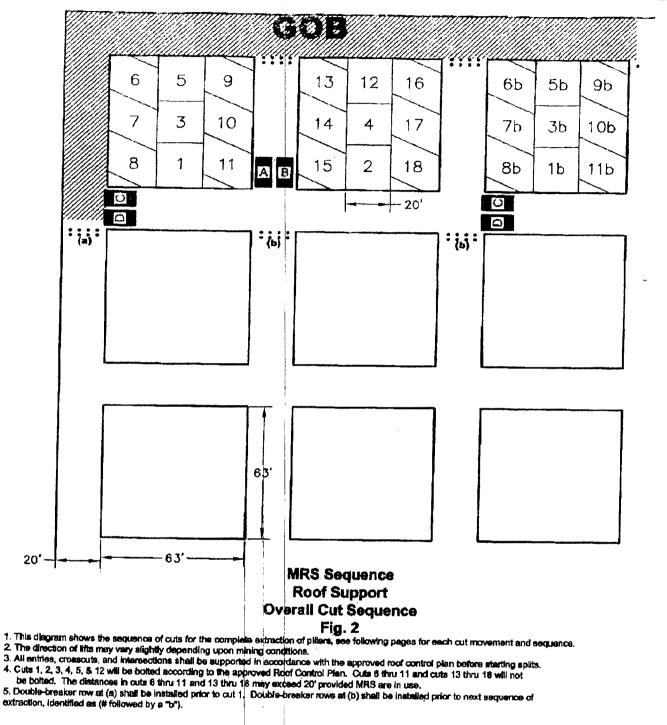
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MRS A, B, C, and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on the page referencing cut 13. MRS A, B, C, and D will be advanced in the same manner for cuts 14 through cut 18 as described above in cuts 7 through cuts 11a and 11b option. Referencing each page for specific position and following the same sequence of movements for each representative cut.

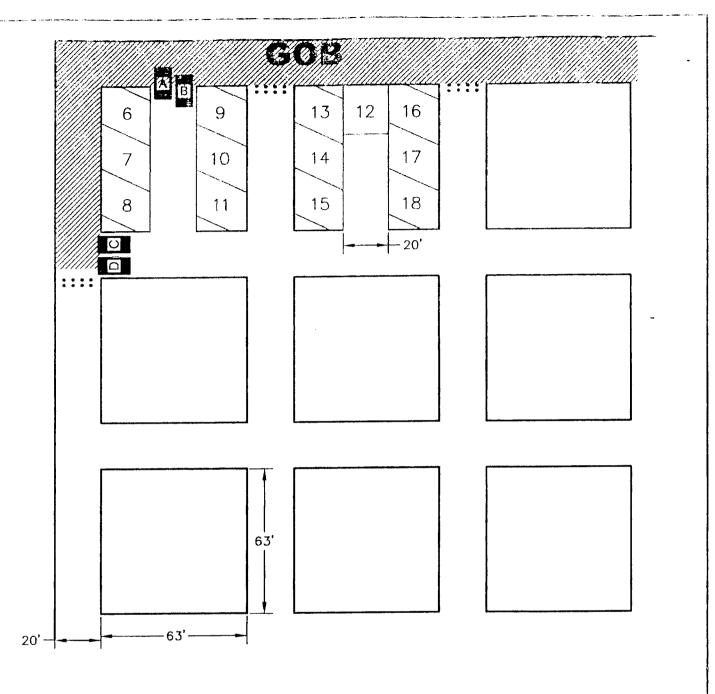
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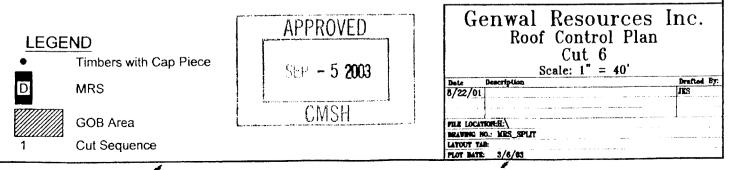


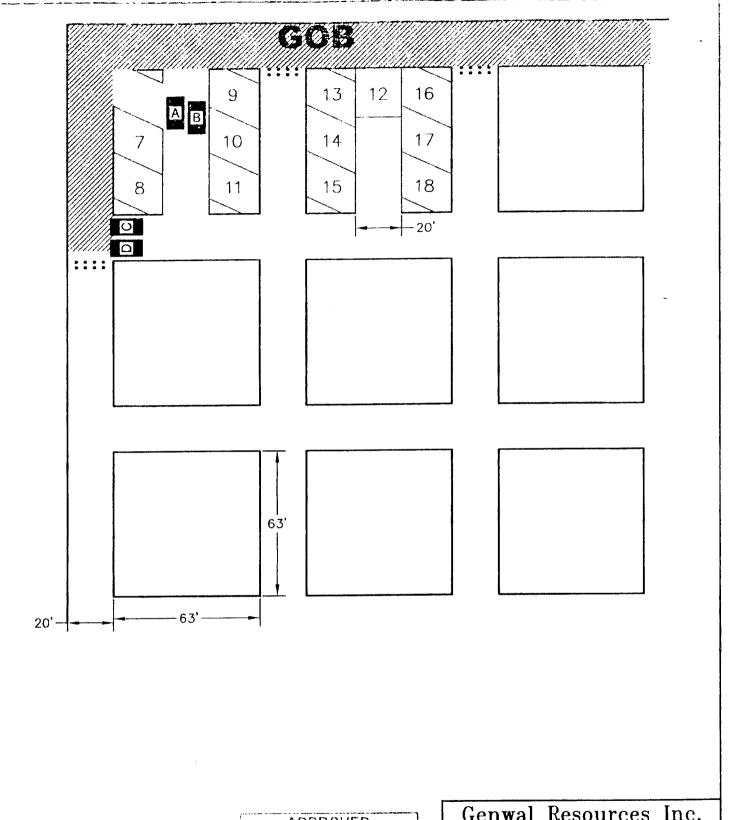


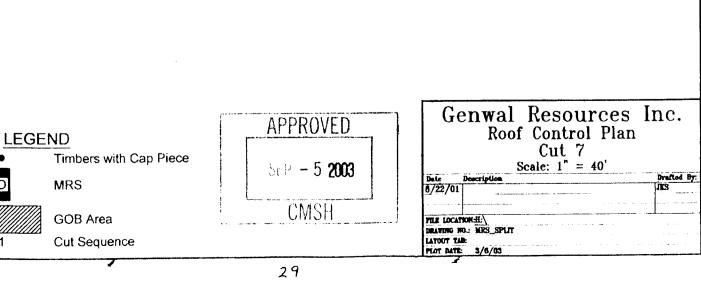
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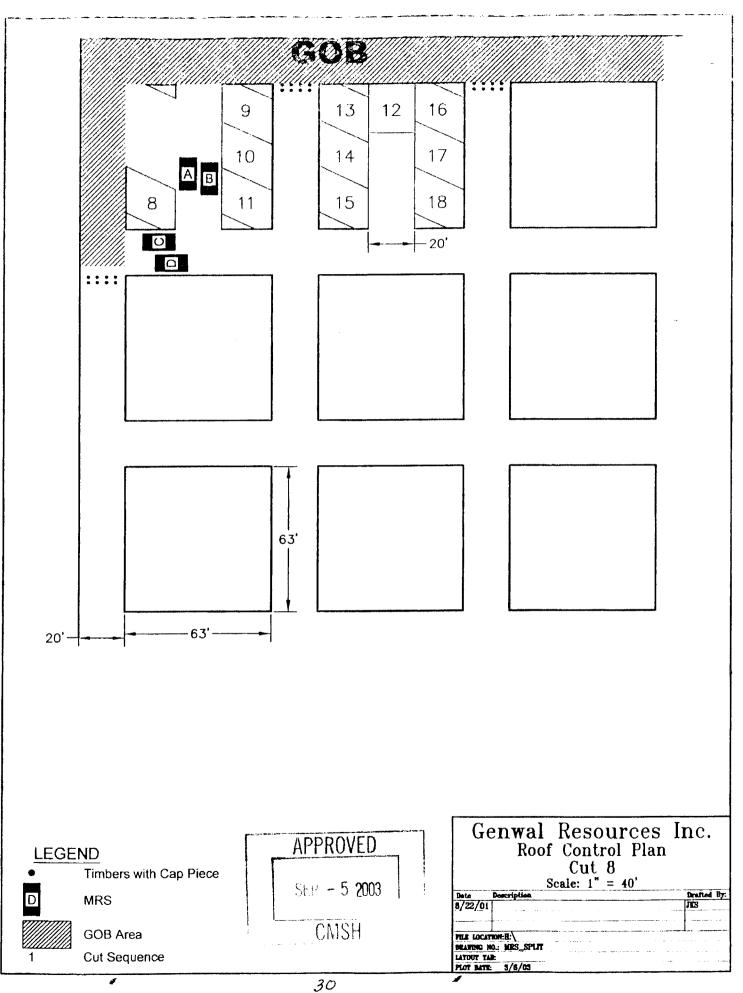


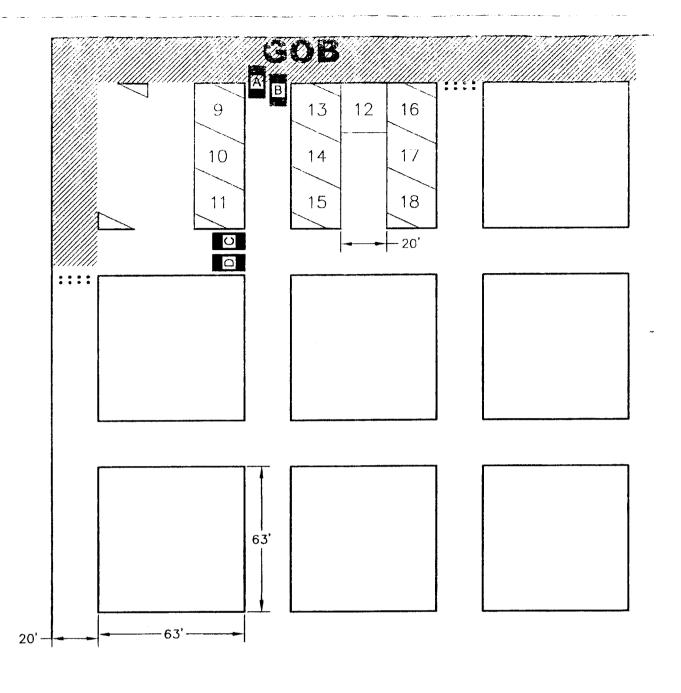
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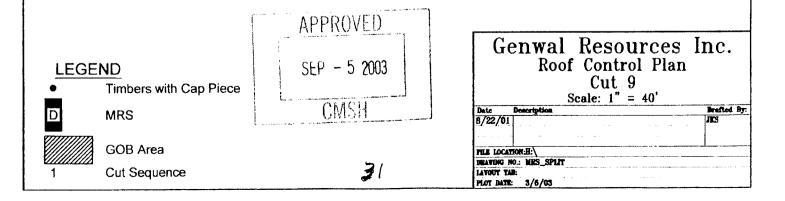


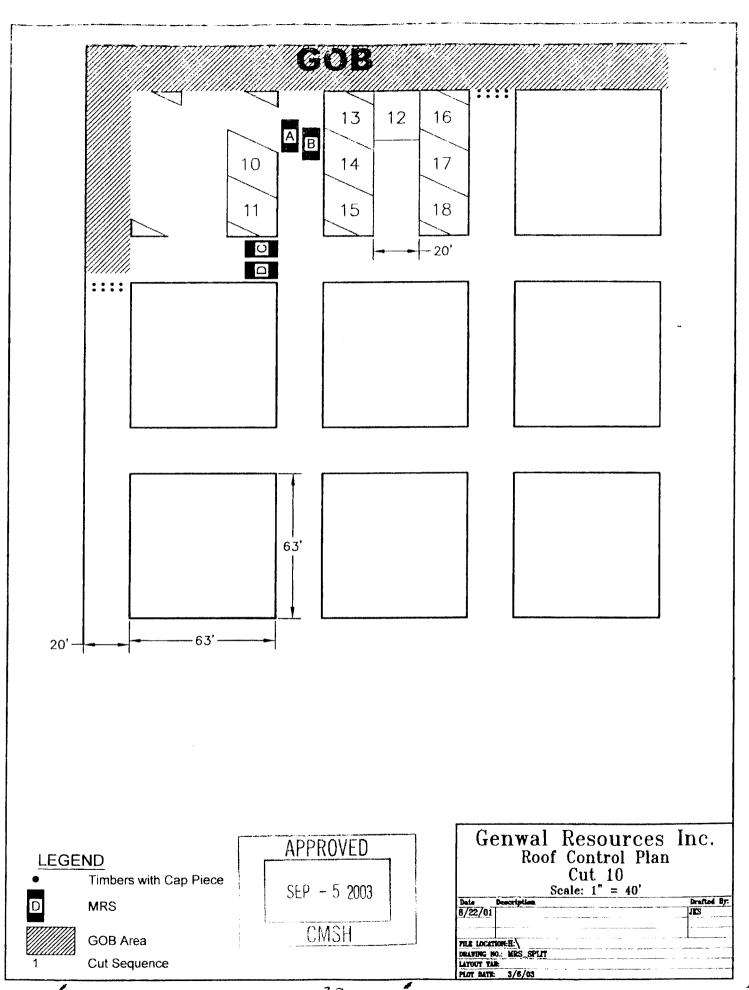


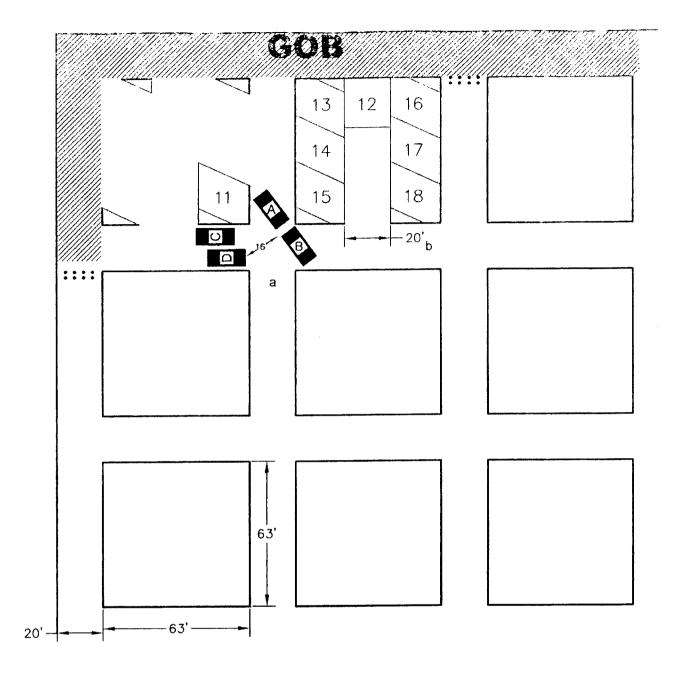




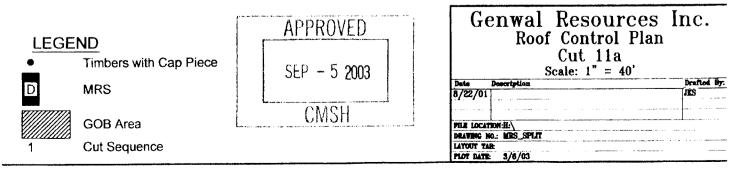
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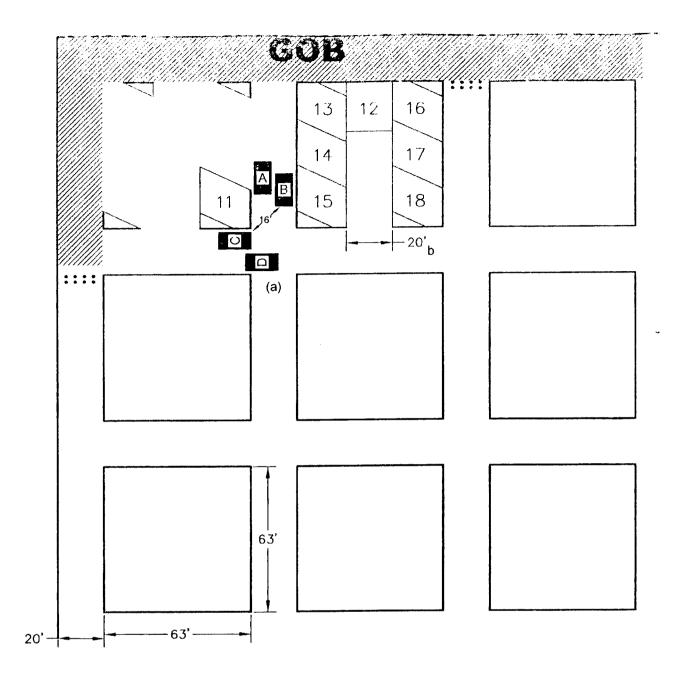






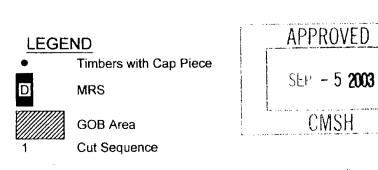
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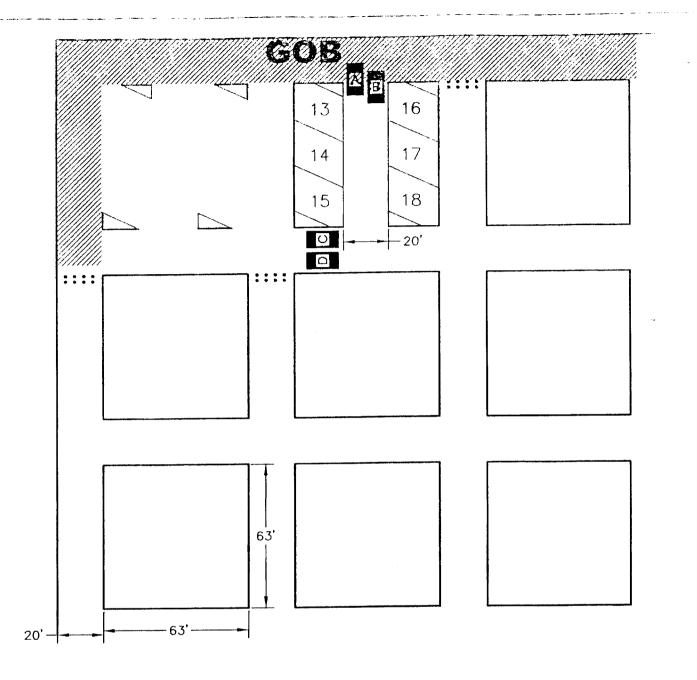


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Double-breaker row set at (a) prior to initiating cut 11 this option.



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MRS units A, B, C & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to beginning lift cuts. Sequence of cuts to follow same as cuts 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11.

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Remote Control Pillar Extraction Plan using Mobile Roof Supports 63' X 63' Pillars (With Barrier and No Splits)

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FIGURE 1
Pillar Extraction/With Barrier Mining - No Splits - Cut No. 1

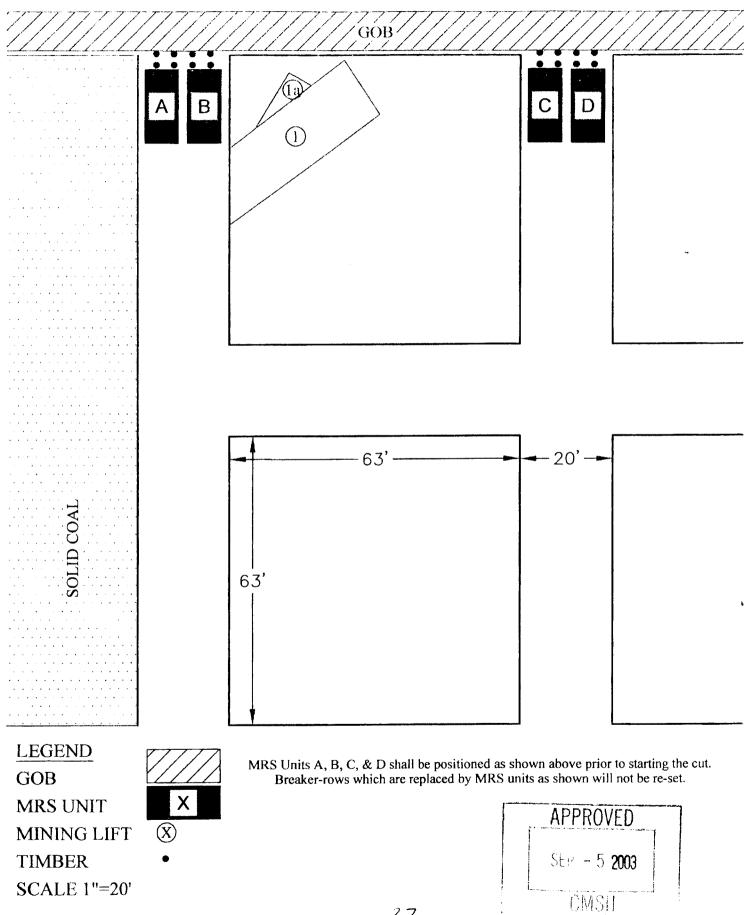


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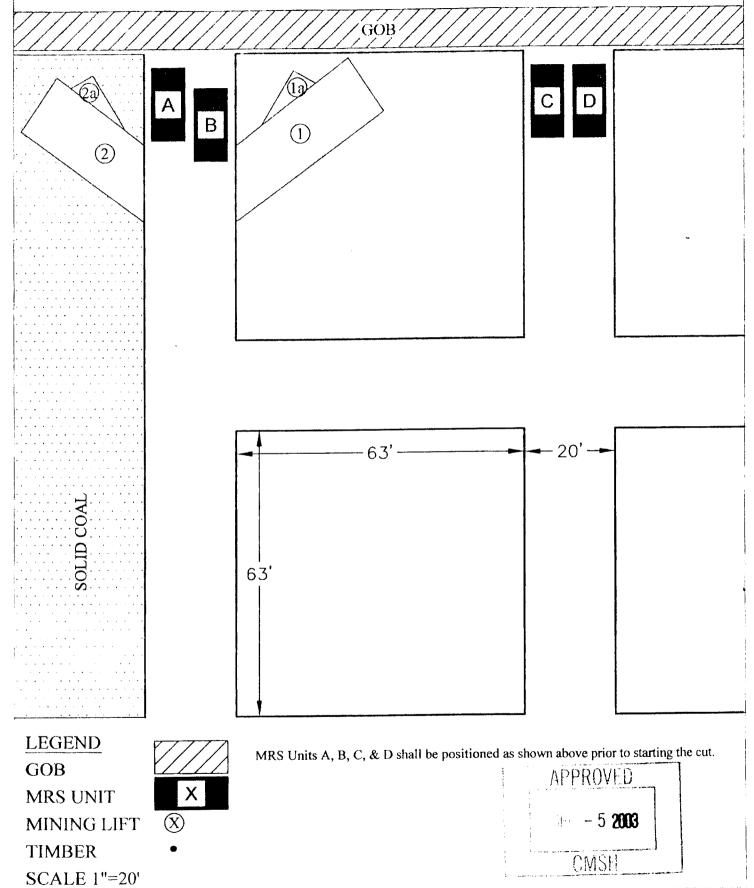


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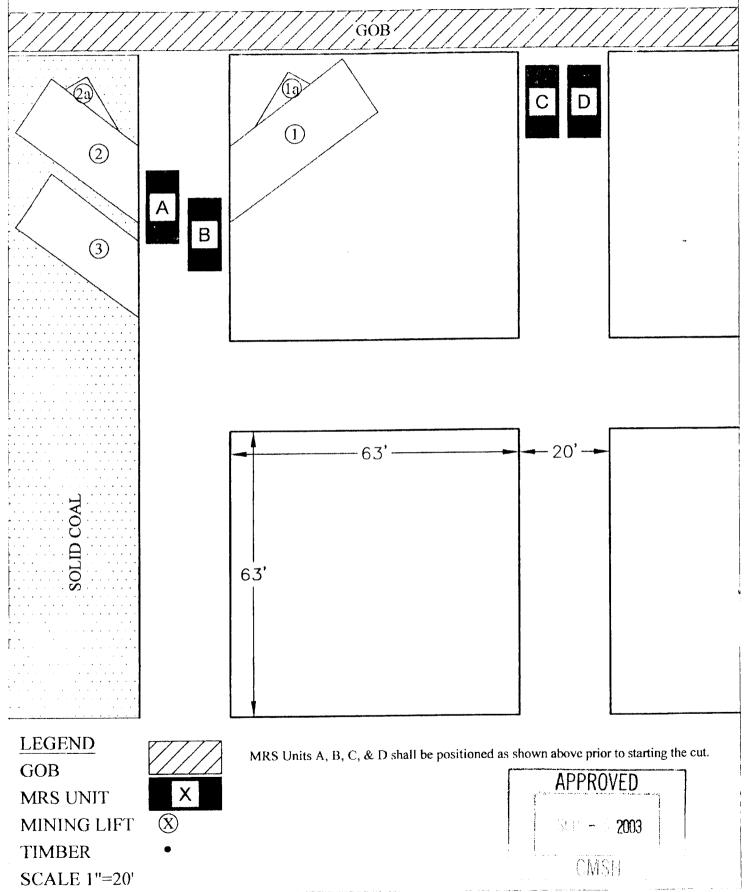


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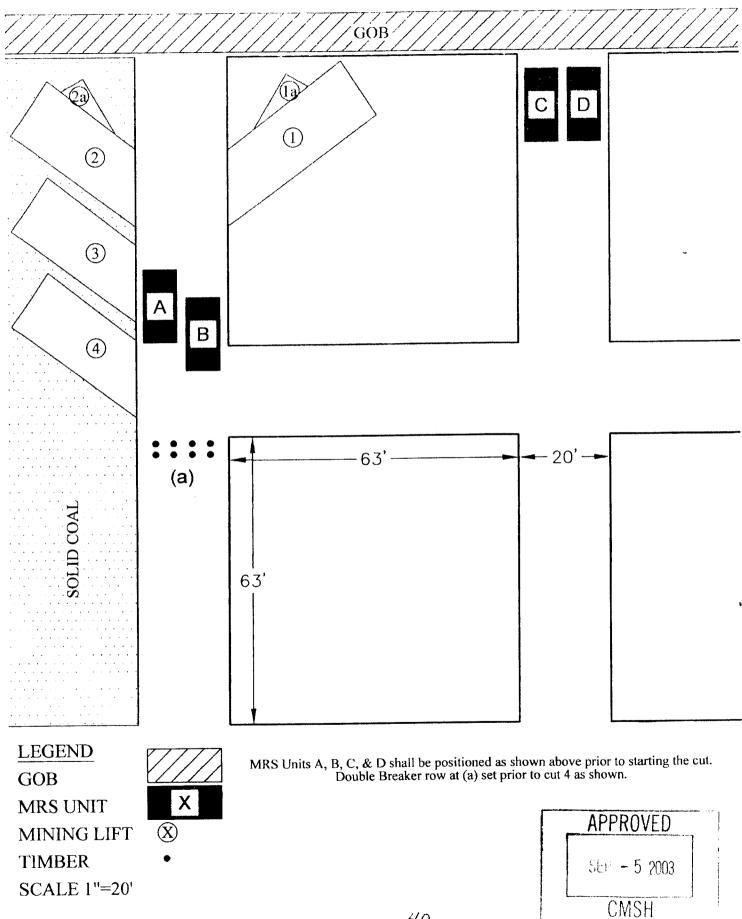


FIGURE 5 Pillar Extraction/With Barrier Mining - No Splits - Cut No. 5 1 3 4 (5) -63'-20' 63' **LEGEND** MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. **GOB APPROVED** MRS UNIT MINING LIFT - 5 2003 TIMBER CMSH SCALE 1"=20'

FIGURE 6
Pillar Extraction/With Barrier Mining - No Splits - Cuts No. 6 & 7

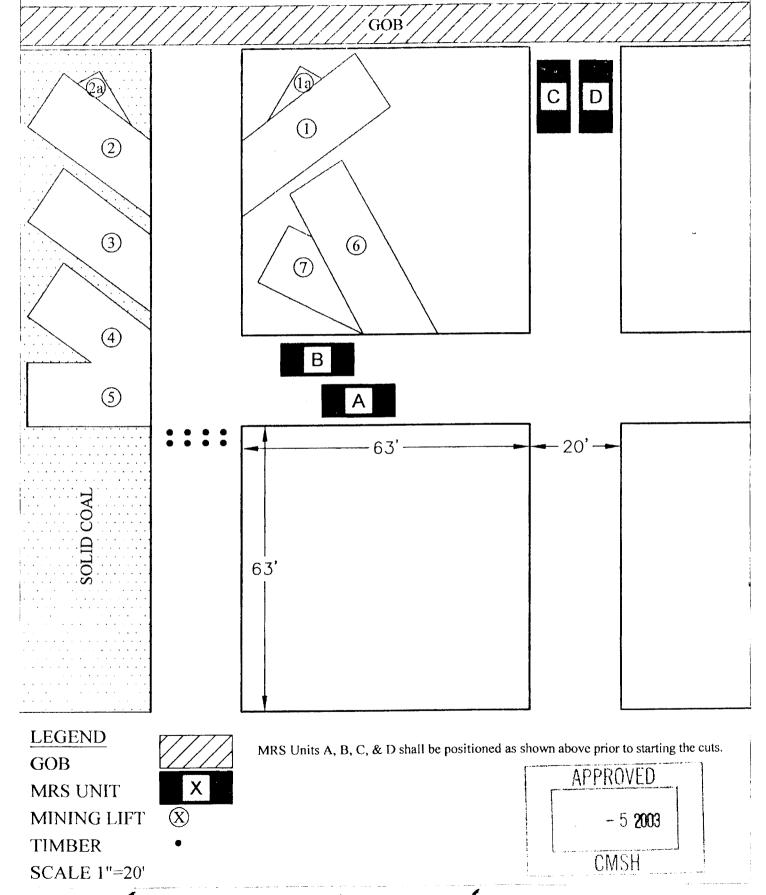


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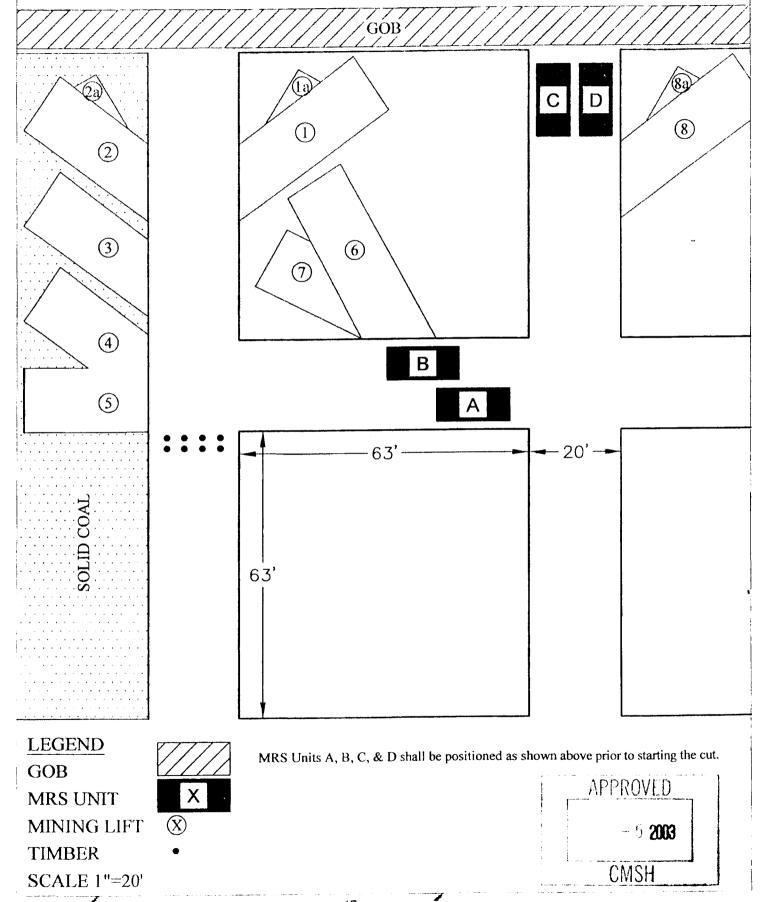
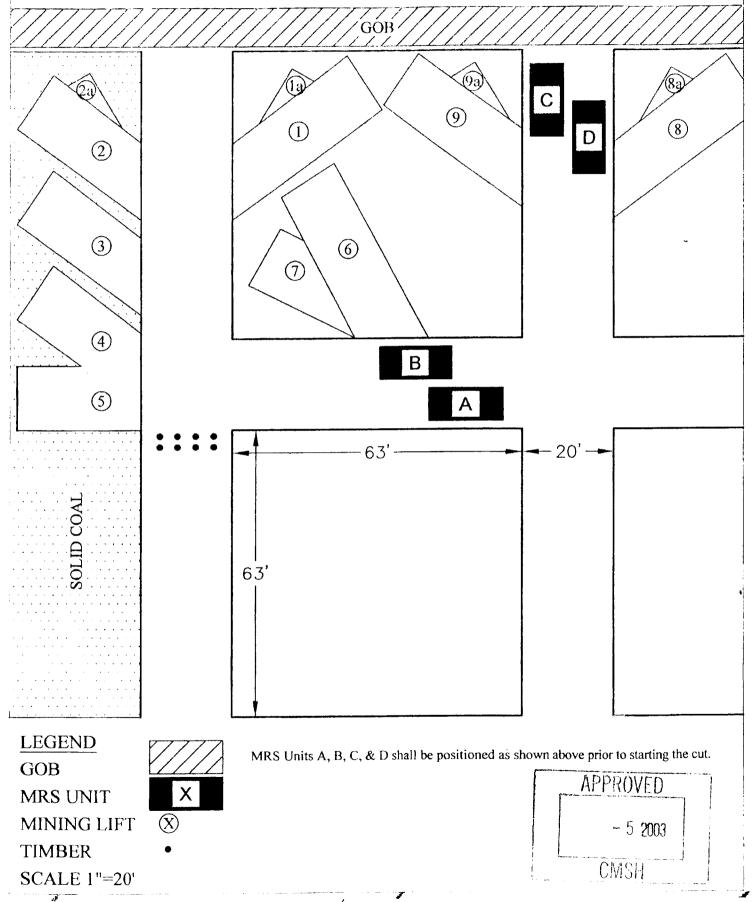


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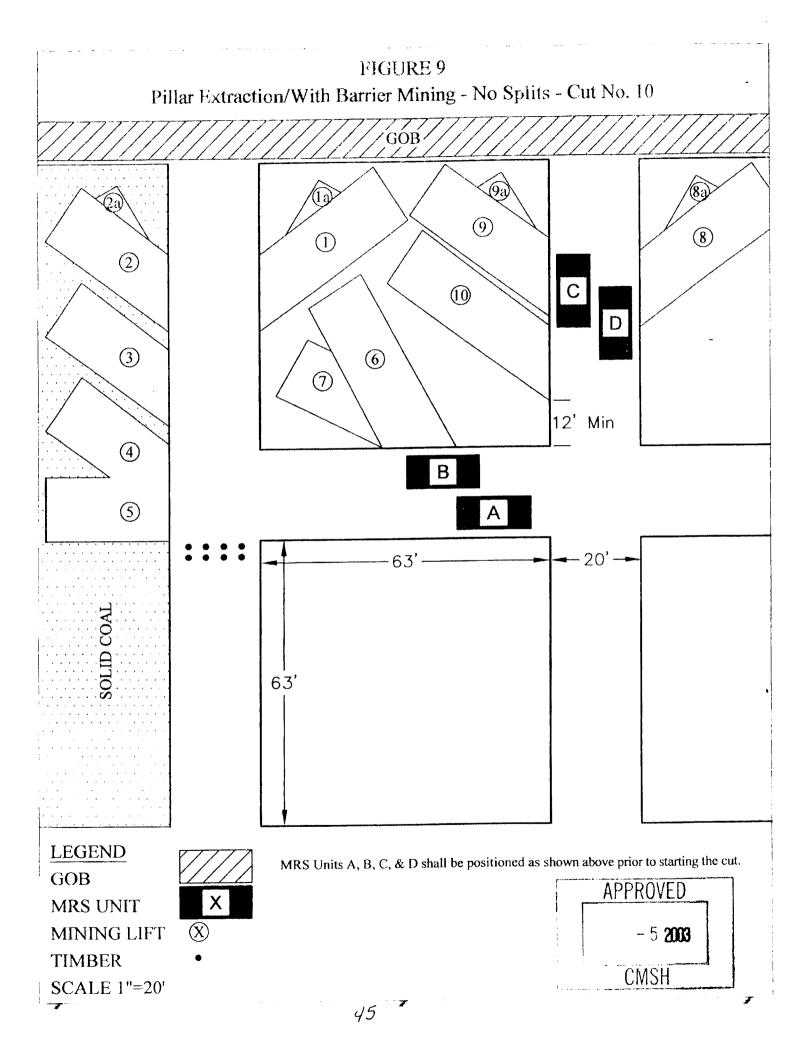


FIGURE 10A
Pillar Extraction/With Barrier Mining - No Splits - Cut No. 11

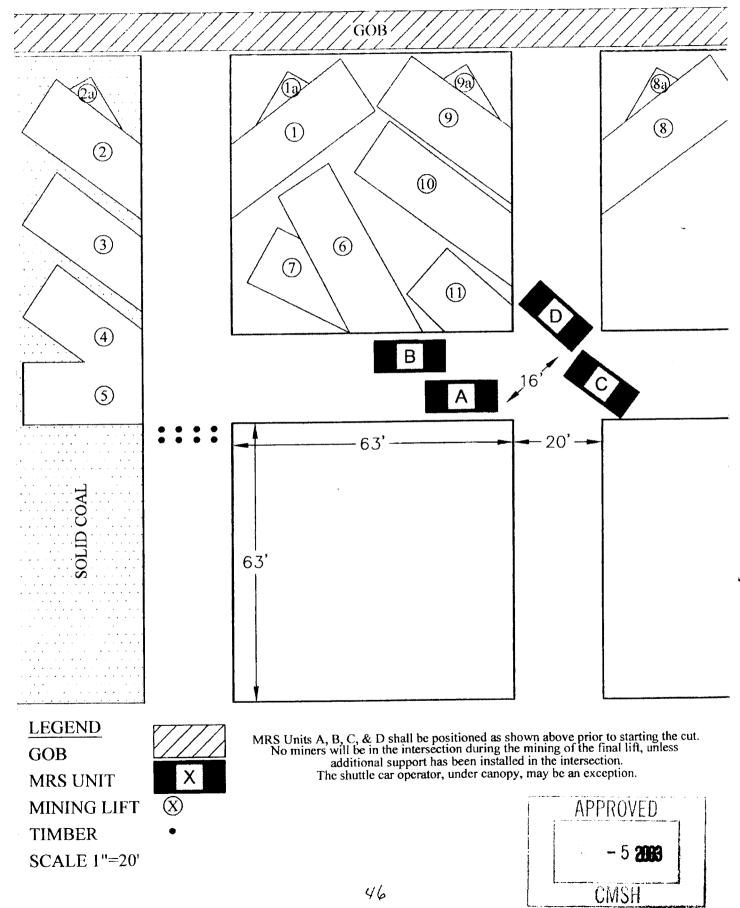
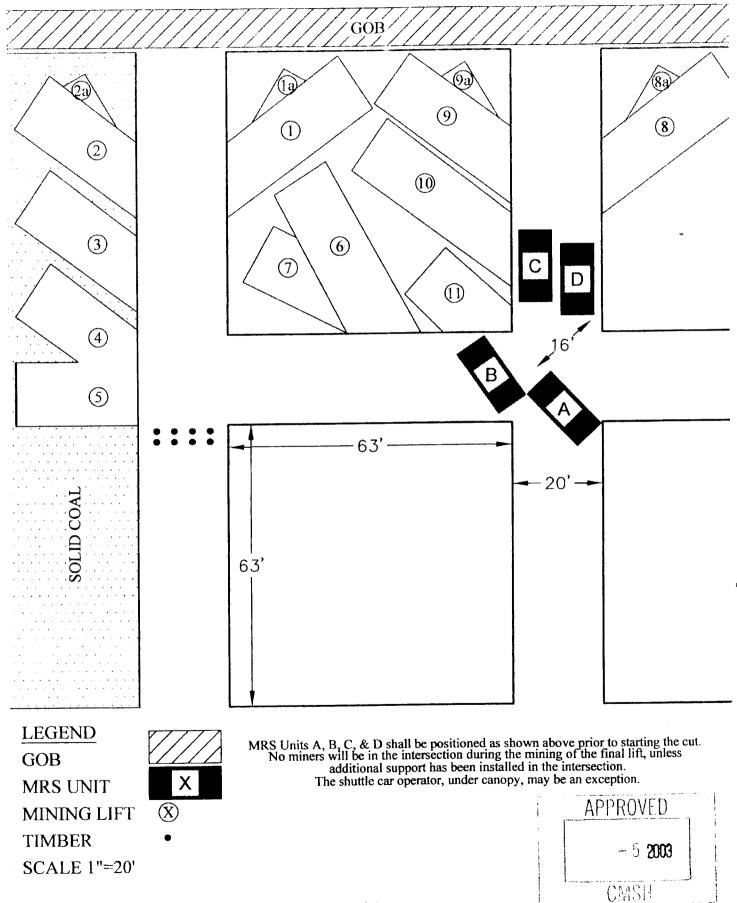


FIGURE 10B Pillar Extraction/With Barrier Mining - No Splits - Cut No. 11



Remote Control Pillar Extraction Plan using Mobile Roof Supports 63' X 63' Pillars (No Splits)

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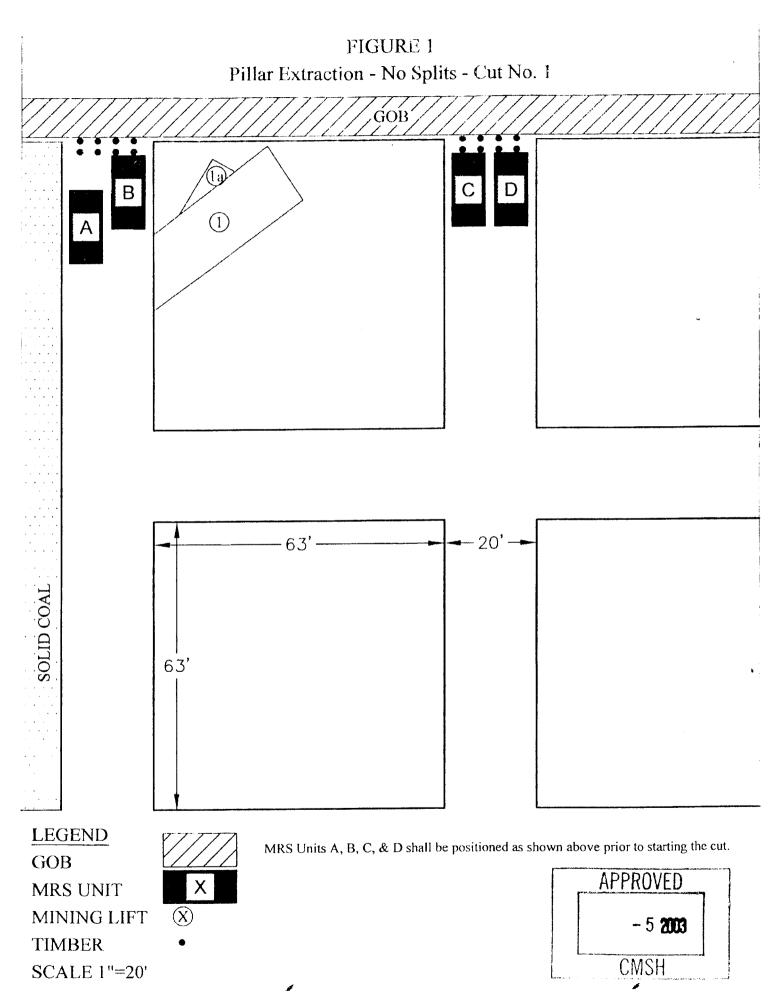


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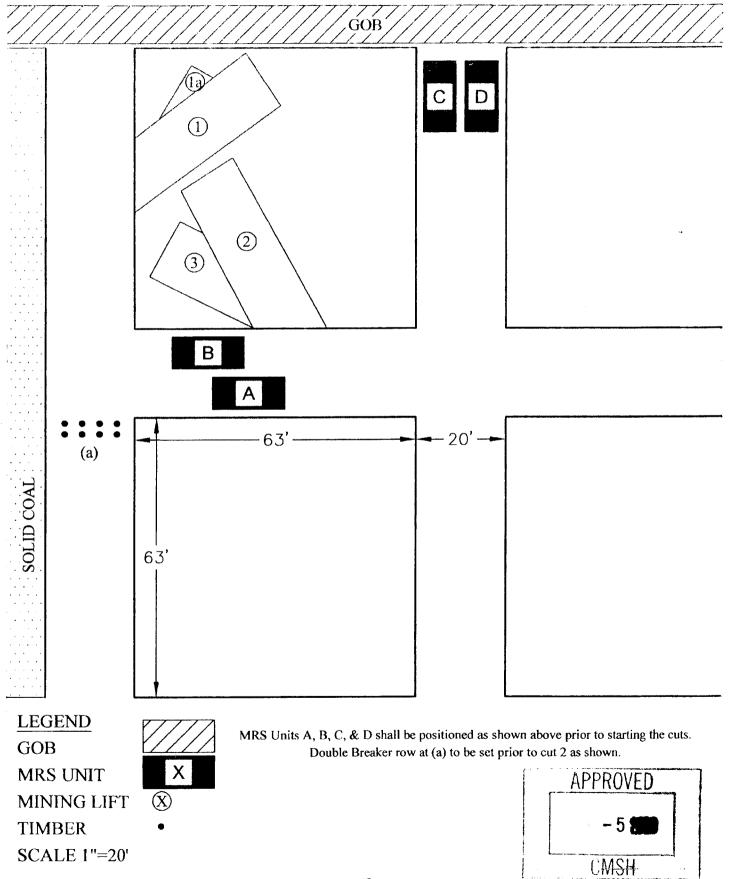


FIGURE 3 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 4 4 1 2 3 63'-SOLID COAL 63' **LEGEND** MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. **GOB** APPROVED **MRS UNIT** MINING LIFT - 5 2003 **TIMBER** CMSH

SCALE 1"=20'

FIGURE 4 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 5 (5) 4 1 D 2 3 63'-20' SOLID COAL 63'

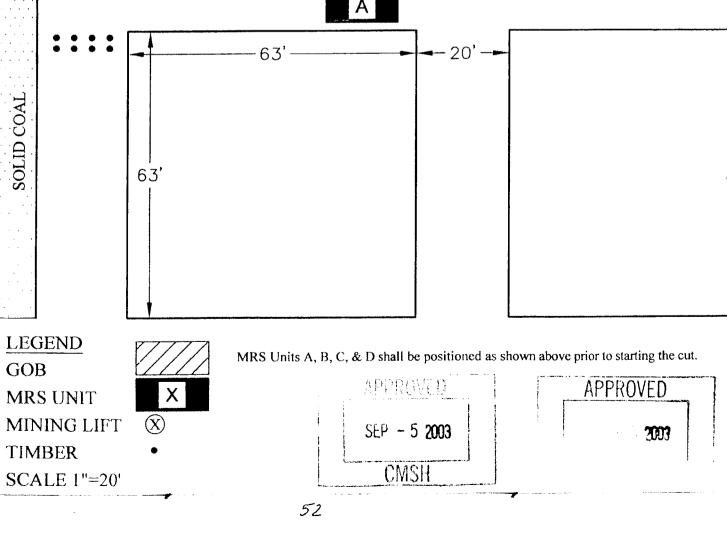


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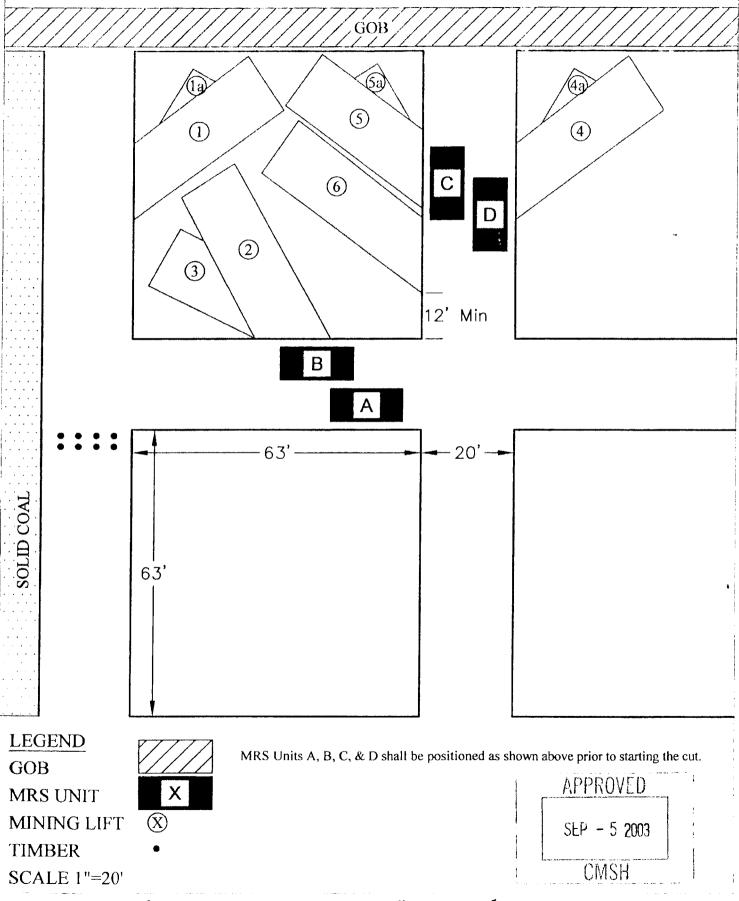
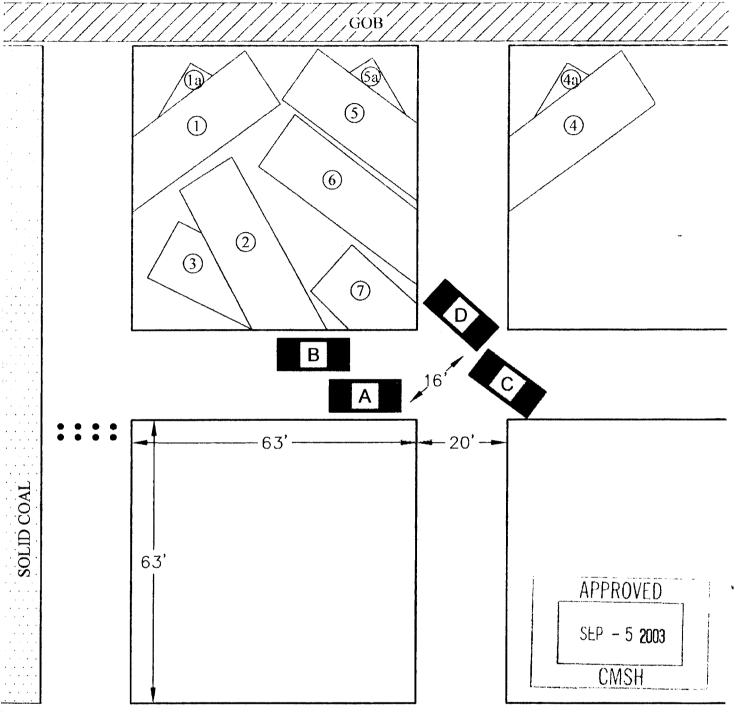


FIGURE 6A
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 7



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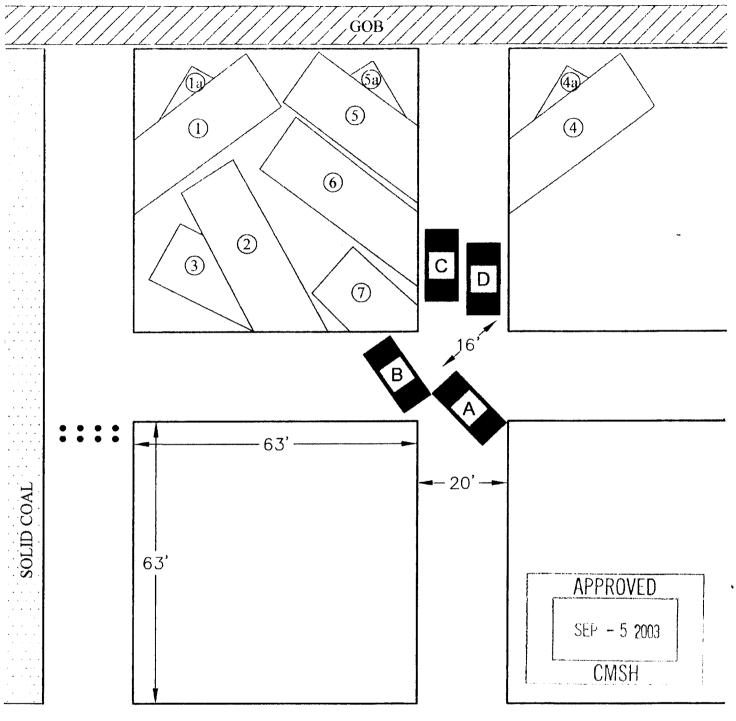
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D will then be positioned for the next sequencial pillar as shown in Figure 2, and the next pillar will be started as shown in cuts 2 & 3.

No miners will be in the intersection during the mining of the final lift, unless additional support has been installed in the intersection.

The shuttle car operator, under canopy, may be an exception.

FIGURE 6B
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 7



LEGEND
GOB
MRS UNIT
MINING LIFT
TIMBER
•
SCALE 1"=20'

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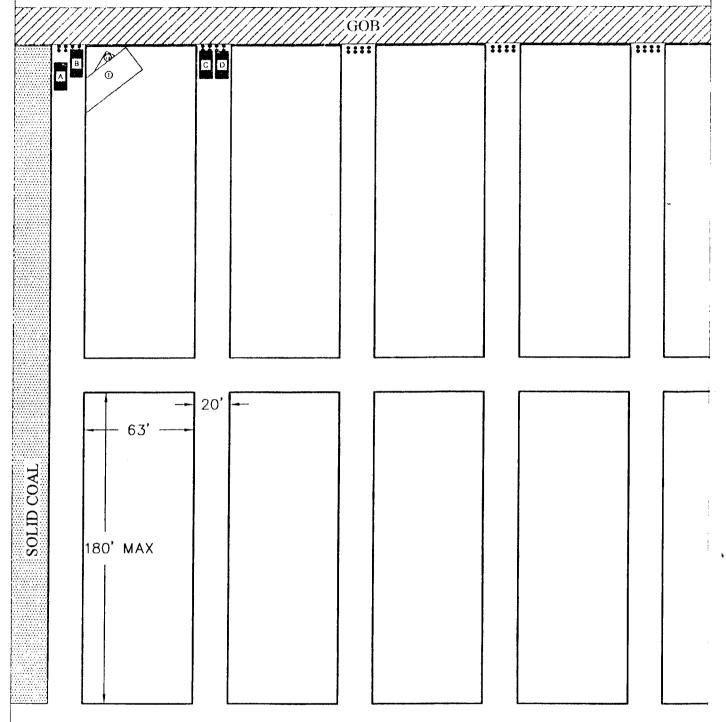
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## Remote Control Pillar Extraction Plan using Mobile Roof Supports 63' X 180' Pillars (No Splits)

The mobile roof supports shall be installed at location A, B, C, and D as shown on Figures 1 prior to mining lift No. 1 and lift No. 1a. MRS A and B will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 2 for cut 2. MRS A and B will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 3 for cut 3. MRS A and B will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 4 for cut 4. MRS A and B will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 5 for cut 5. MRS A and B will be MRS A and B will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 6 for cut 6. advanced to the location as shown on figure 7 for cuts 7 an 8. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 8 for cuts 9 and 9a. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 9 for cuts 10 and 10a. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 10 for cut 11. and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 11 for cut 12. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 12 for cut 13. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 13 for cut 14. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 14 for cut 15. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 15 for cut 16. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 16 for cut 17. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 17 for cut 18. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 18 for cut 19. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 19 for cut 20. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 20A for cut 21 option. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 20B for cut 21 option.



FIGURE 1
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 1



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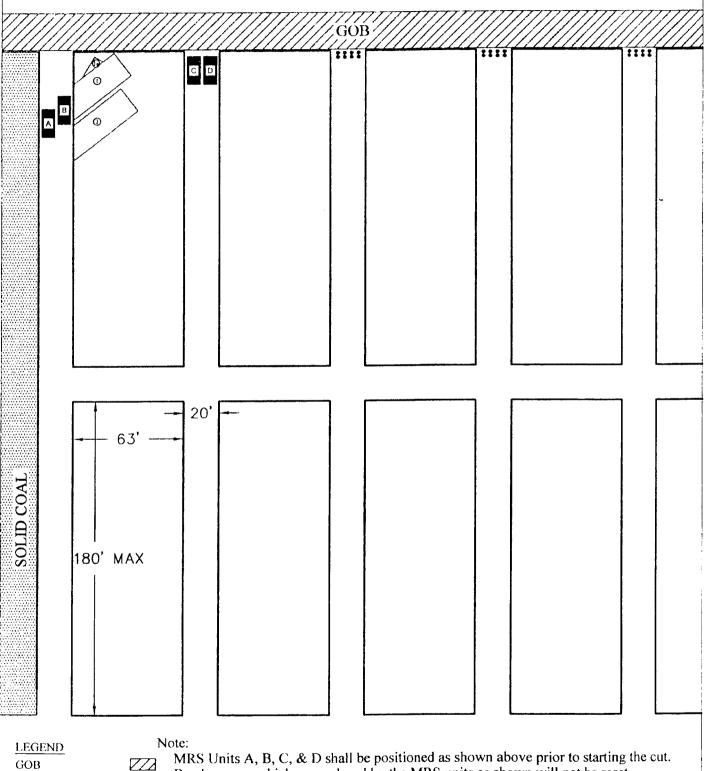
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.



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## FIGURE 2 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 2

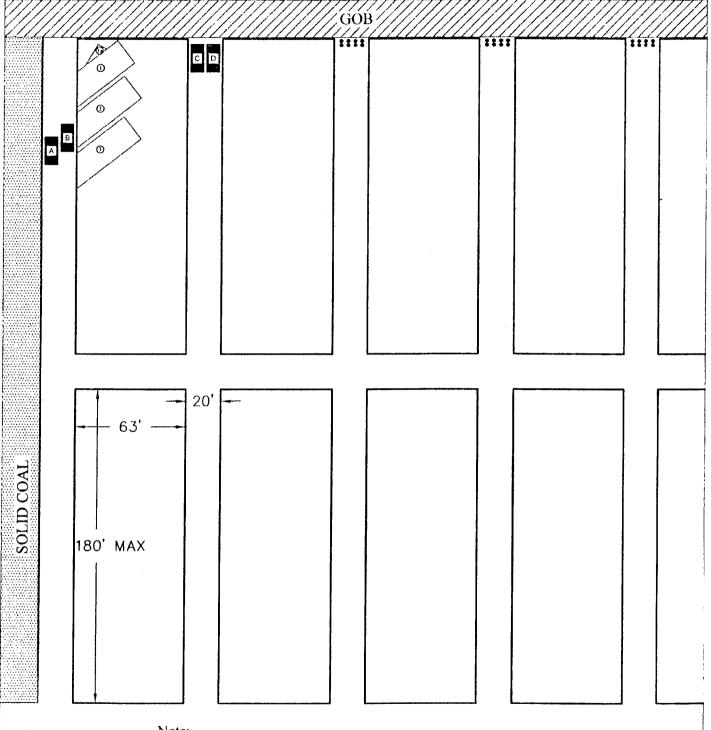


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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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FIGURE 3
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 3



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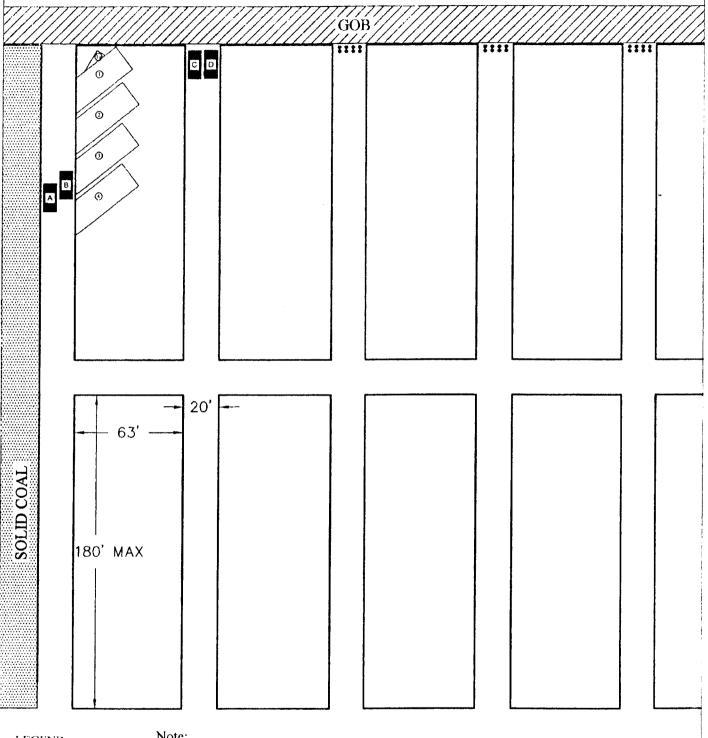
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FIGURE 4 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 4



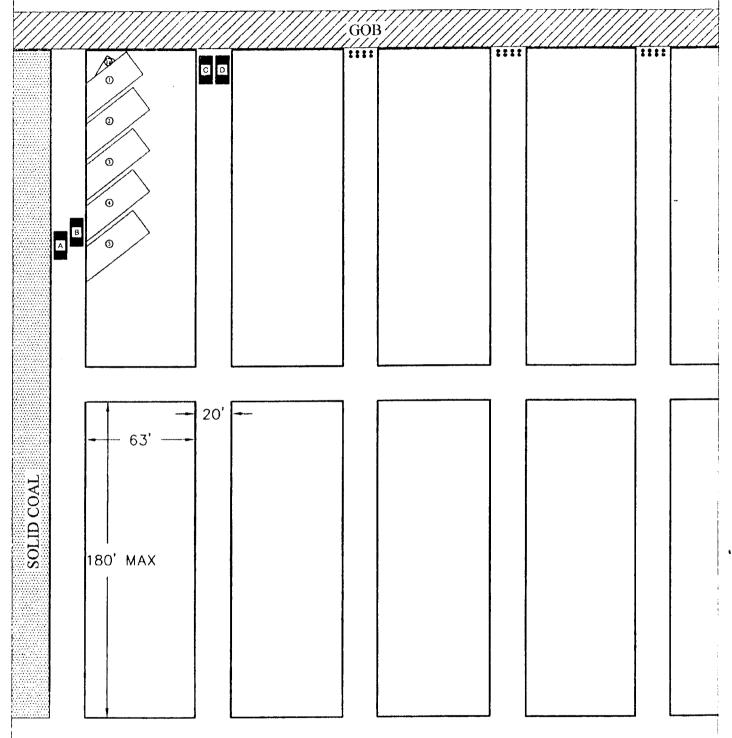
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FIGURE 5 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 5



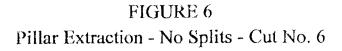
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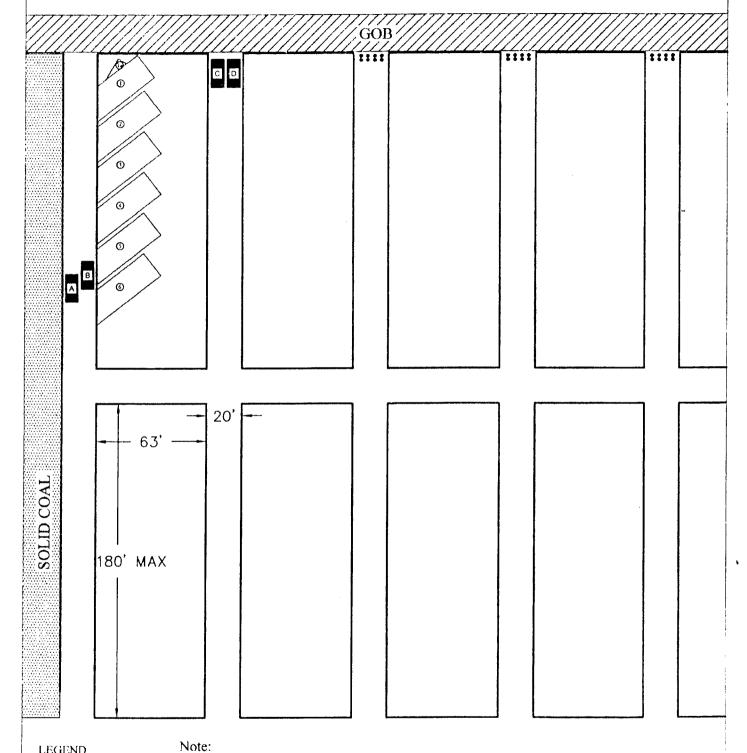
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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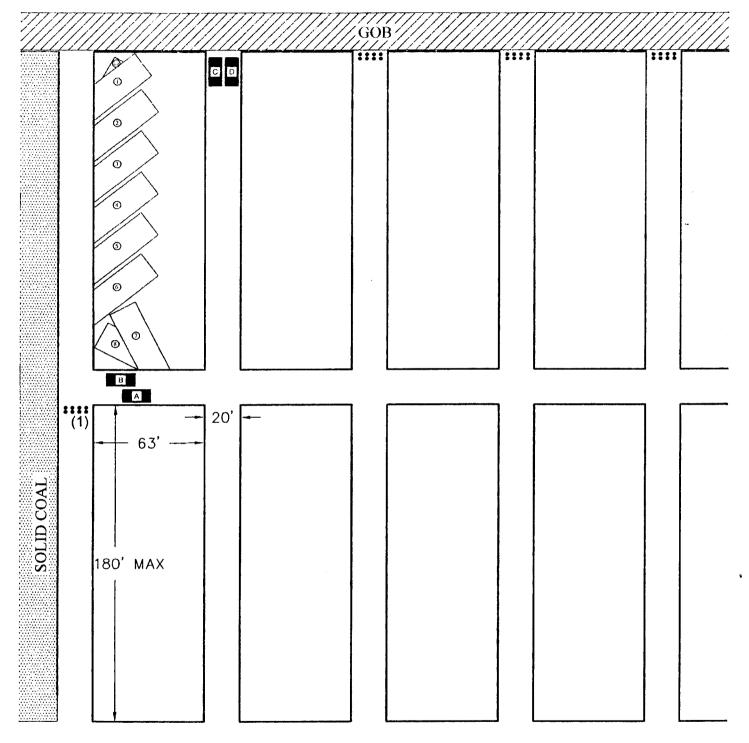
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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FIGURE 7
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cuts No. 7 & 8



LEGEND GOB MRS UNIT MINING LIFT TIMBER SCALE I"=50" Note:

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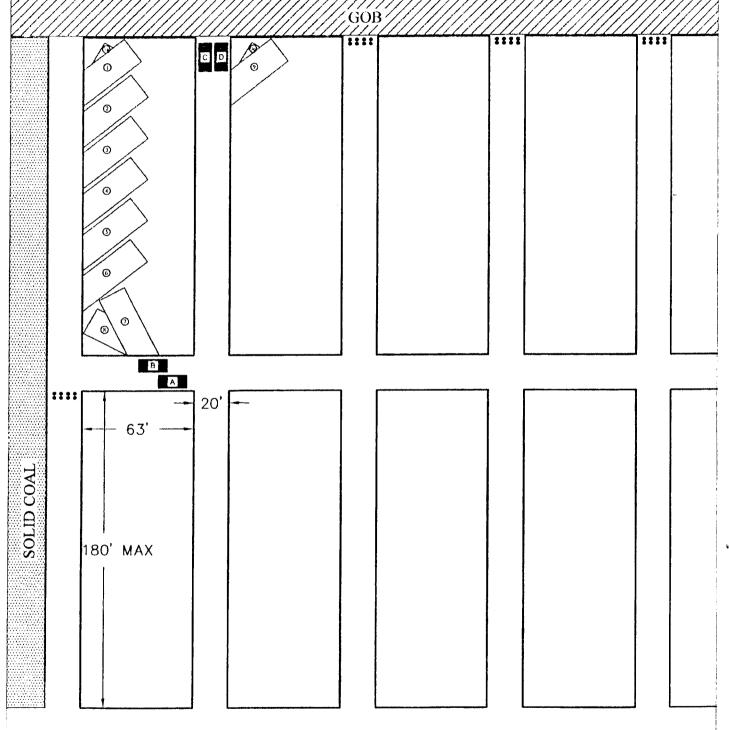
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset. Double Breaker row (1) to be set prior to mining cut #7 as shown.



FIGURE 8
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 9



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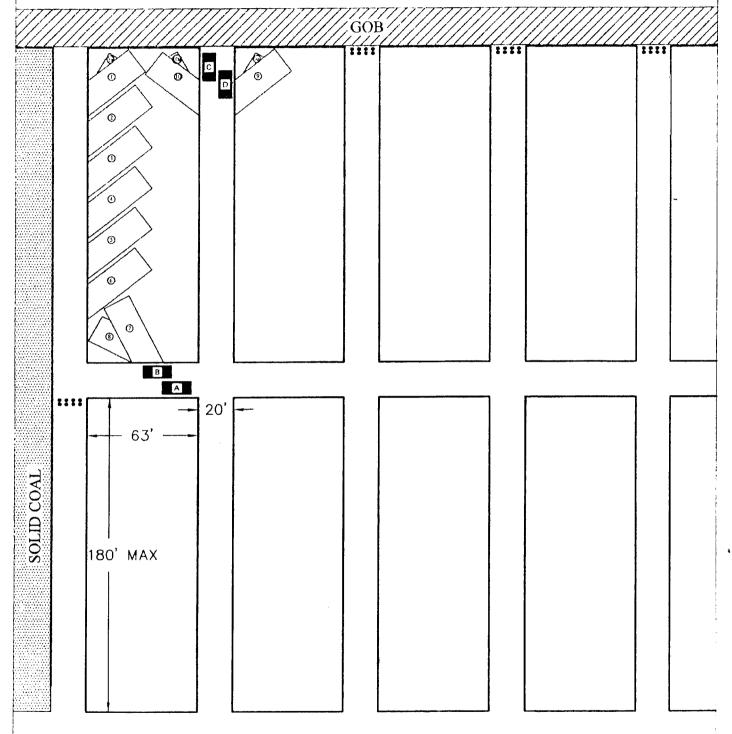
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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FIGURE 9
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 10



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MRS UNIT
MINING LIFT
TIMBER
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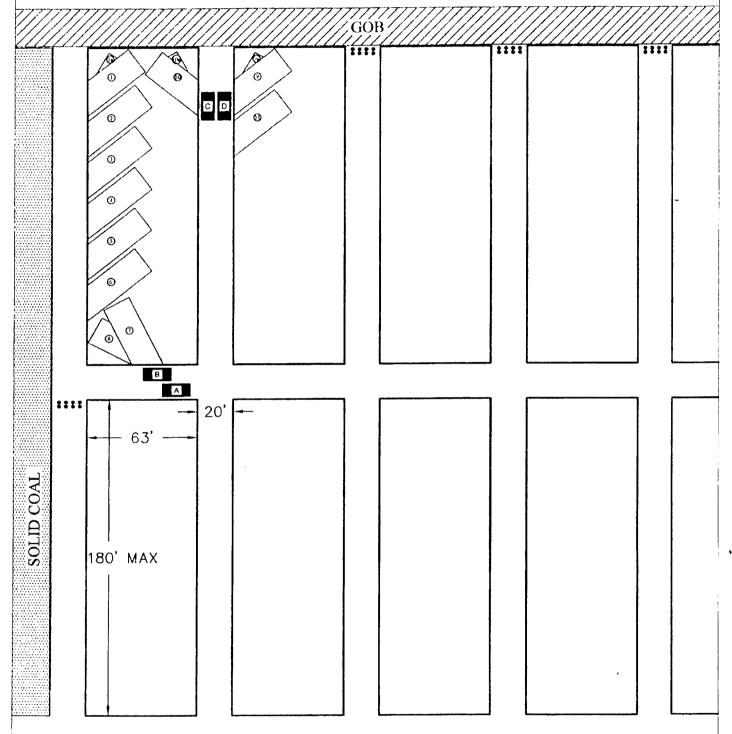
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FIGURE 10
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 11



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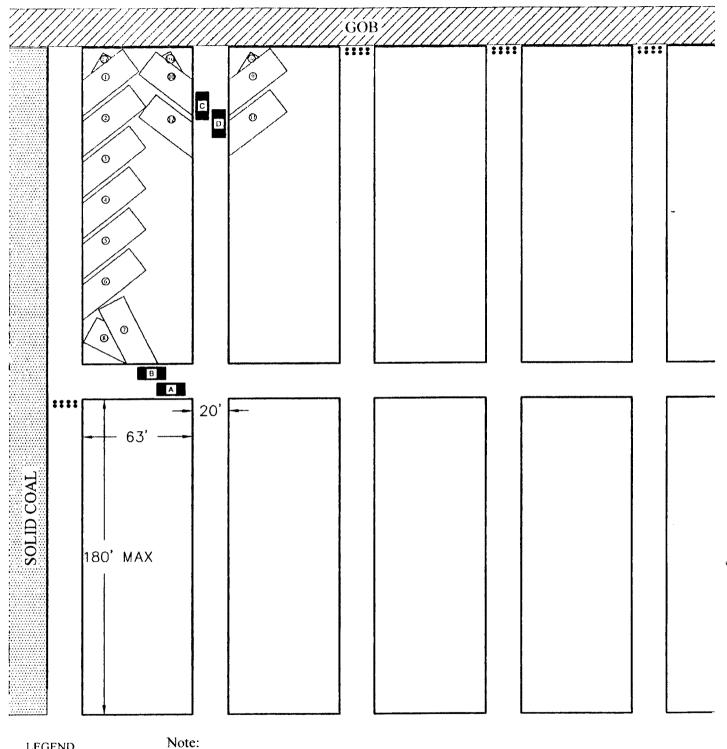
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FIGURE 11
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 12



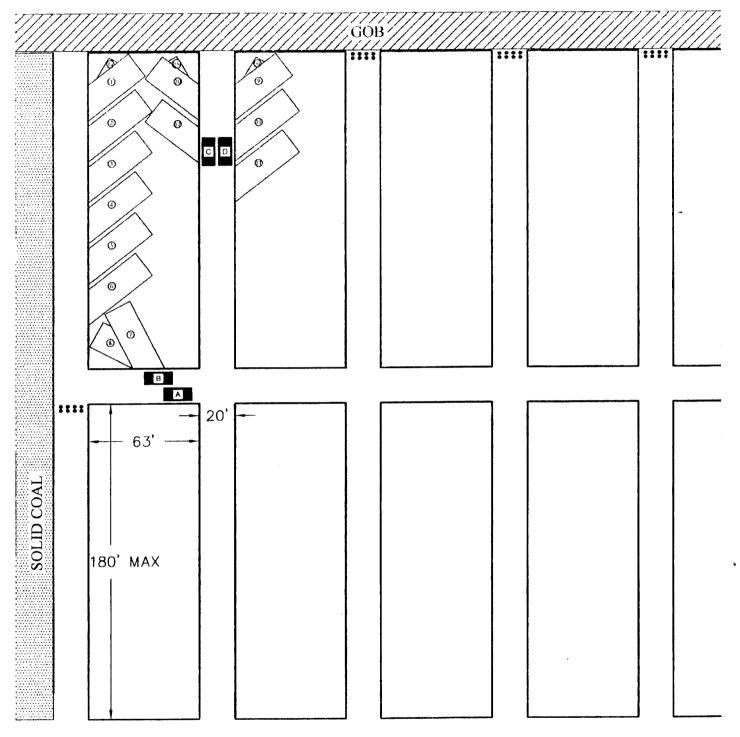
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FIGURE 12
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 13



LEGEND GOB MRS UNIT MINING LIFT TIMBER SCALE 1"-50' Note:

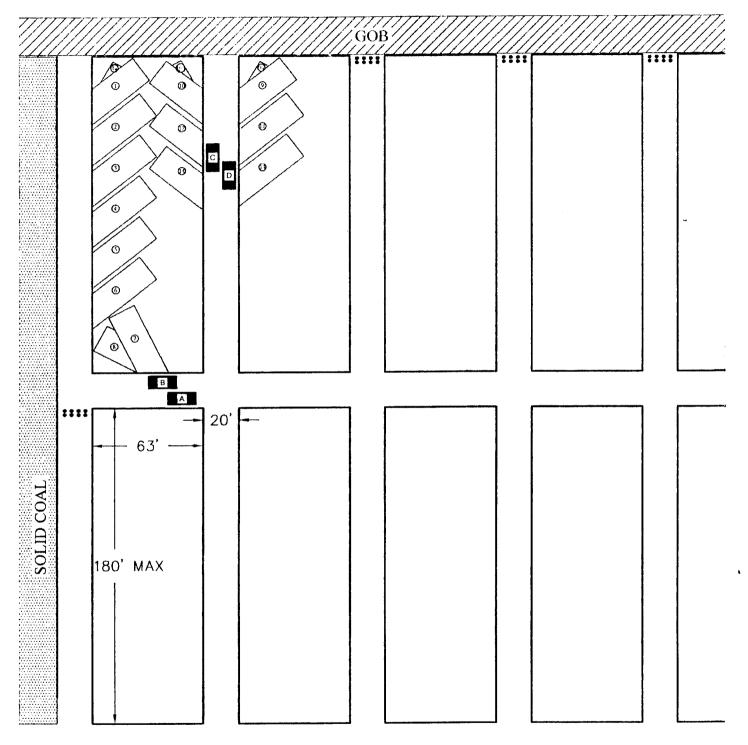
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FIGURE 13
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 14



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MINING LIFT
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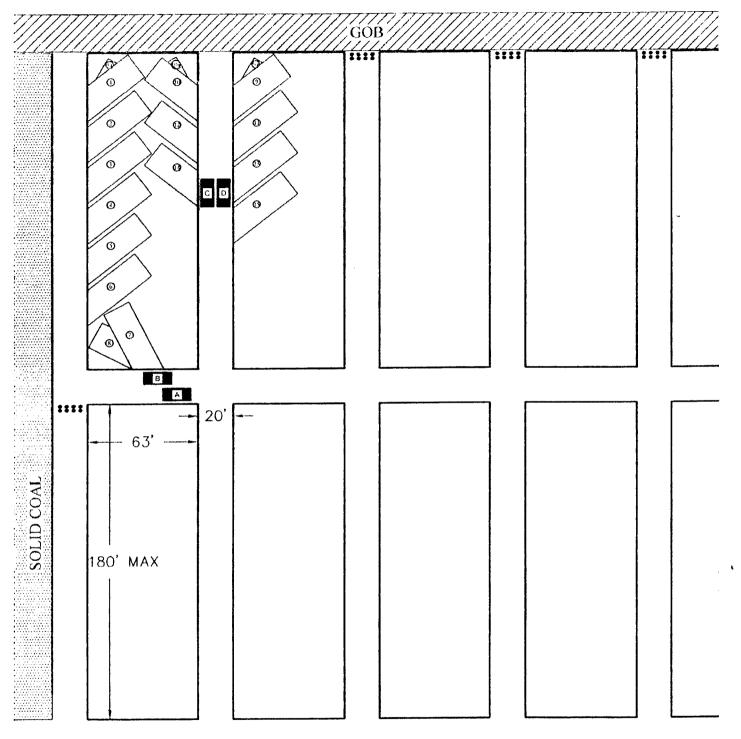
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FIGURE 14
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 15



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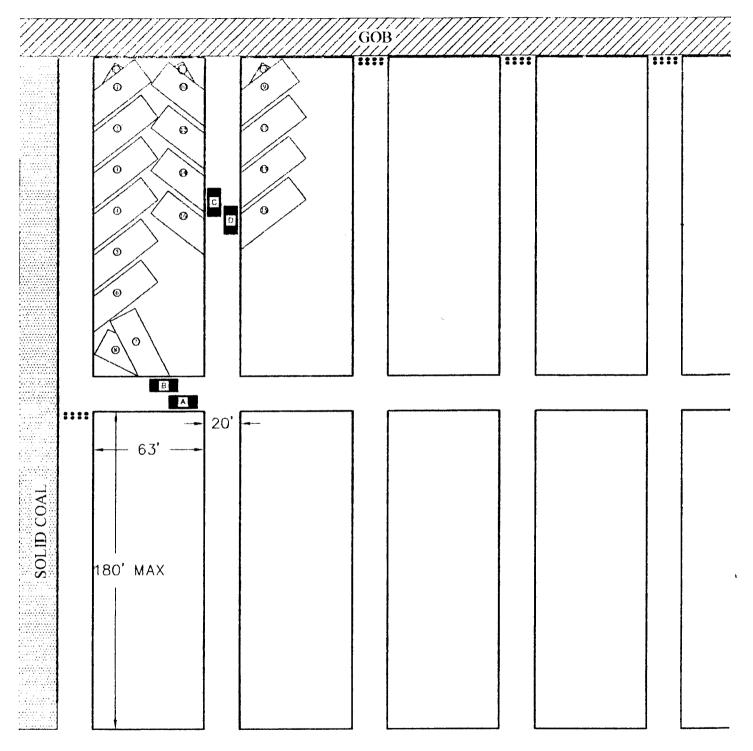
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FIGURE 15 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 16



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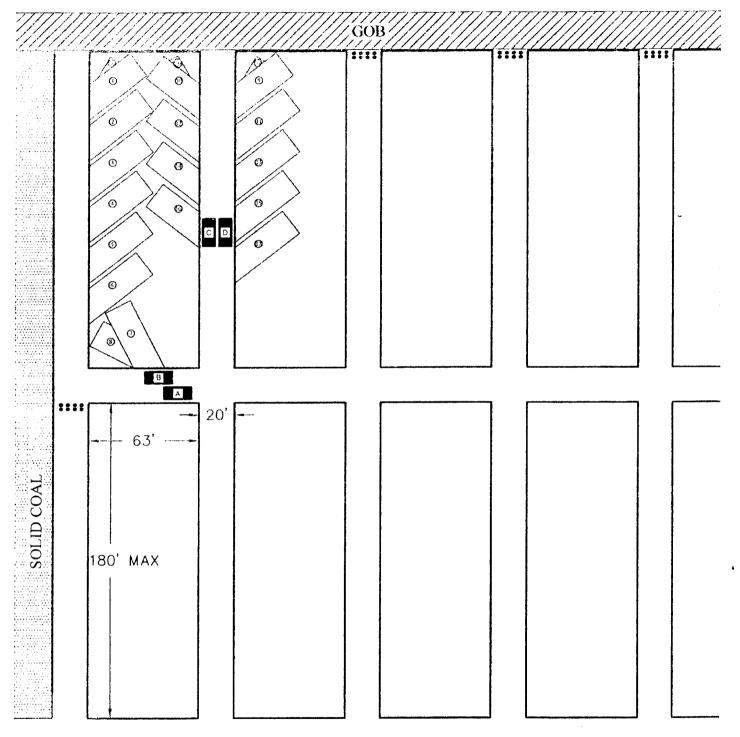
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

A minimum fender thickness of 5' between lifts, left side of entry, will apply



FIGURE 16
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 17



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MRS UNIT
MINING LIFT
TIMBER
SCALE 1"=50"

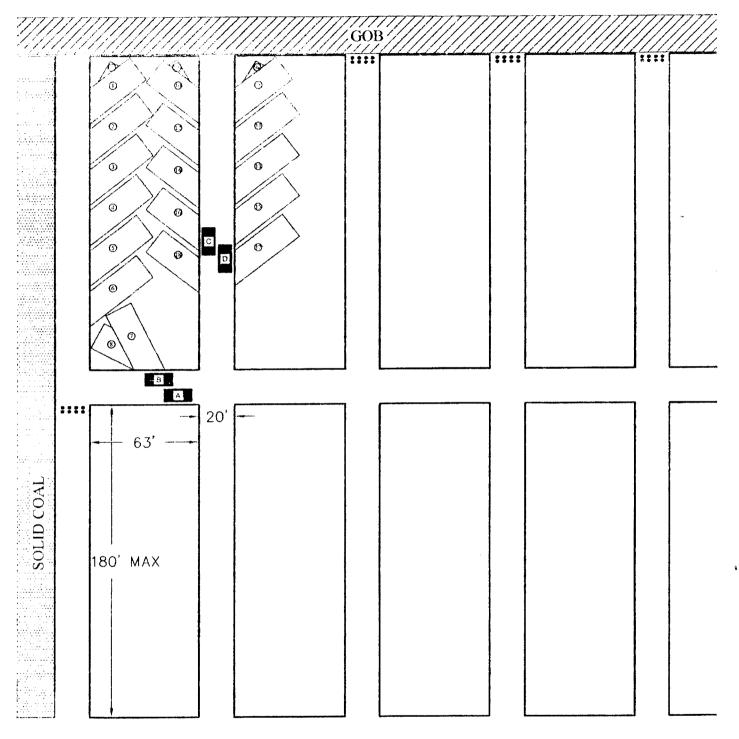
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FIGURE 17
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 18



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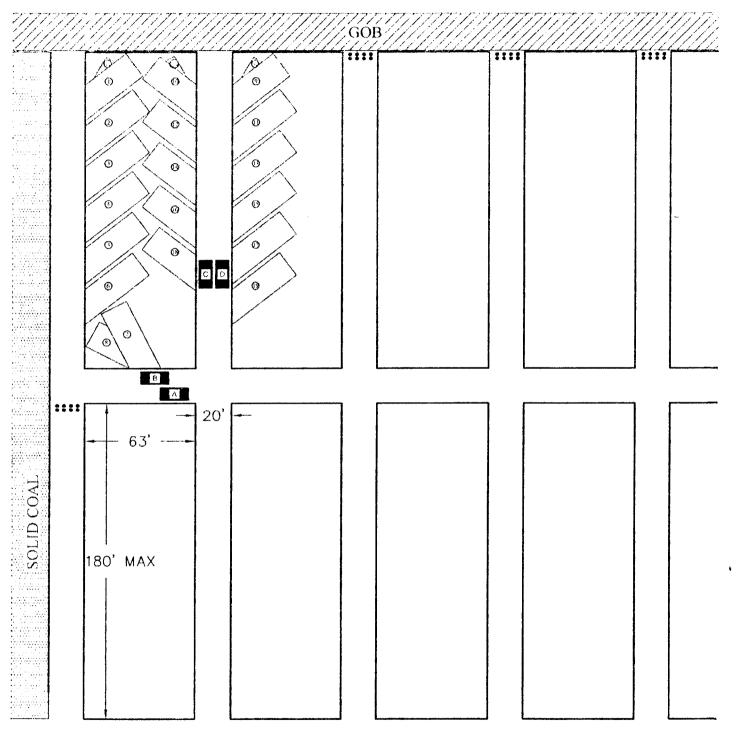
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FIGURE 18
Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 19



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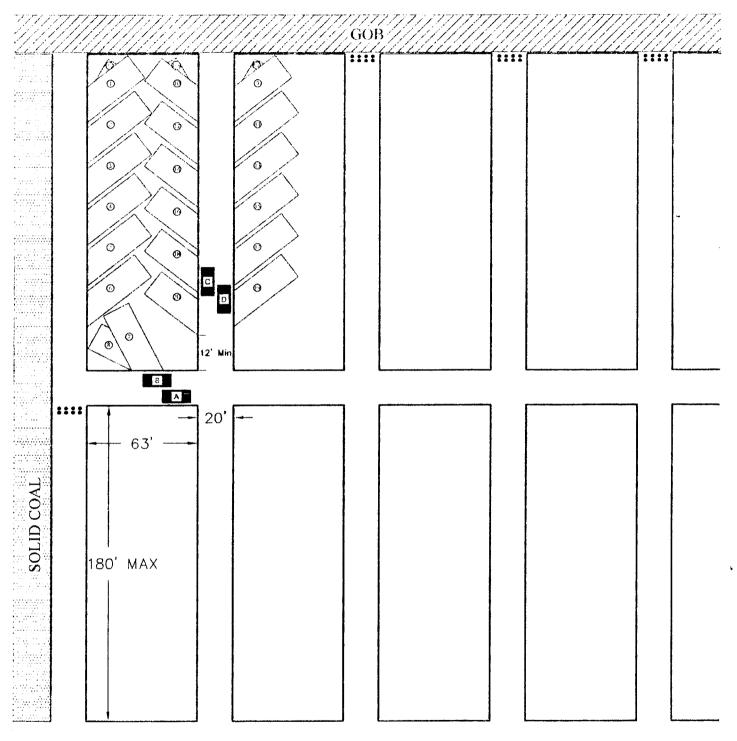
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FIGURE 19 Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 20



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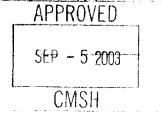
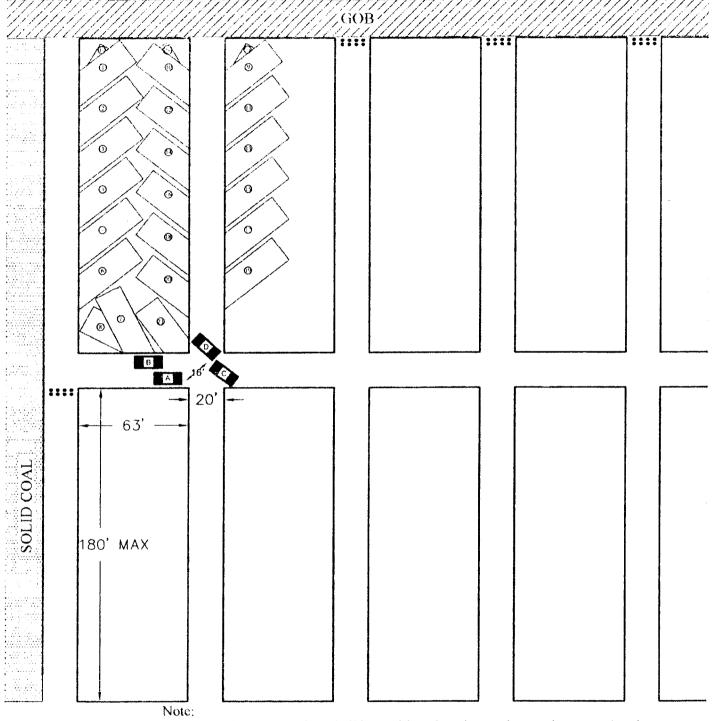


FIGURE 20A Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 21



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MRS Units A, B, C, & D will then be positioned for the next sequencial pillar as shown in Figure 7, and the next pillar will be started as shown in cuts 7 & 8.

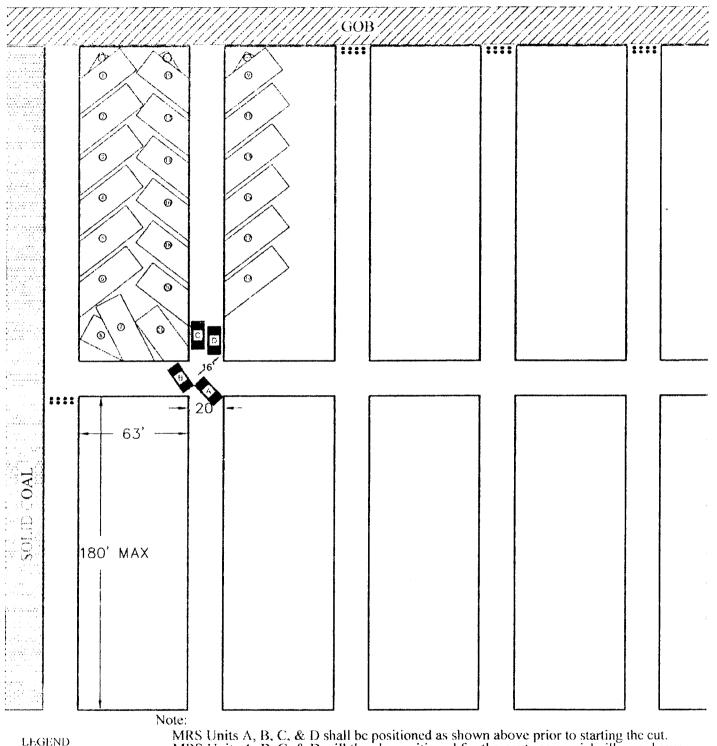
Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

No miners will be in the intersection during the mining of the final lift, unless additional support has been installed in the intersection.

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FIGURE 20B Pillar Extraction - No Splits - Cut No. 21



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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut.

MRS Units A, B, C, & D will then be positioned for the next sequencial pillar as shown in Figure 7, and the next pillar will be started as shown in cuts 7 & 8.

Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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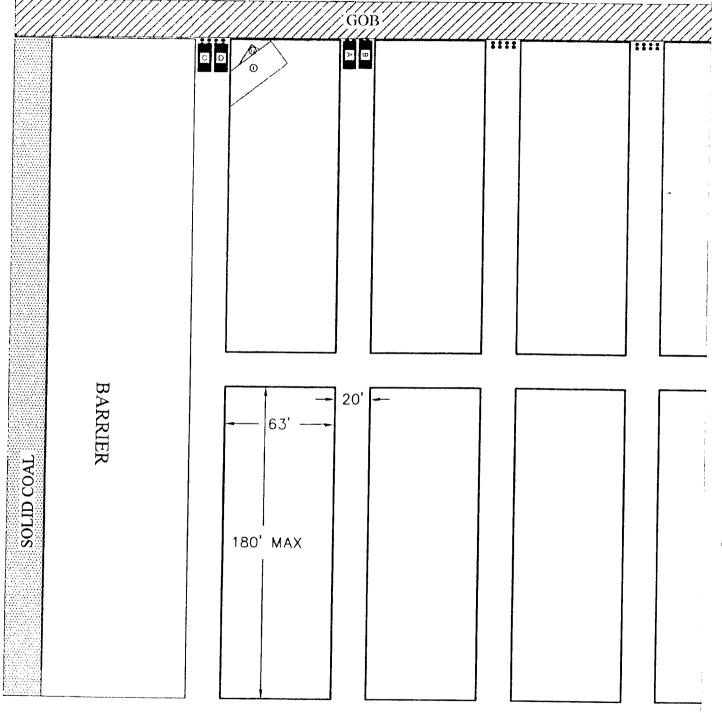
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## Remote Control Pillar Extraction Plan using Mobile Roof Supports 63' X 180' Pillars (With Barrier)

The mobile roof supports shall be installed at location A, B, C, and D as shown on Figures 1 prior to mining lift No. 1 and lift No. 1a. MRS C and D will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 2 for cuts 2 and 2a. MRS C and D will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 3 for cut 3. MRS C and D will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 4 for cut 4. MRS C and D will be MRS C and D will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 5 for cut 5. MRS C and D will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 6 for cut 6. MRS C and D will be advanced to the location as shown on figure 7 for cut 7. advanced to the locations as shown on figure 8 for cut 8. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 9 for cut 9. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 10 for cut 10. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 11 for cut 11. MRS C and D will be MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 12 for cut 12. advanced to the locations as shown on figure 13 for cut 13. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 14 for cut 14. MRS C and D will be advanced to the locations as shown on figure 15 for cuts 15 and 16.



FIGURE 1 Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 1



**LEGEND** GOB MRS UNIT MINING LIFT

TIMBER SCALE 1"=50' Note:

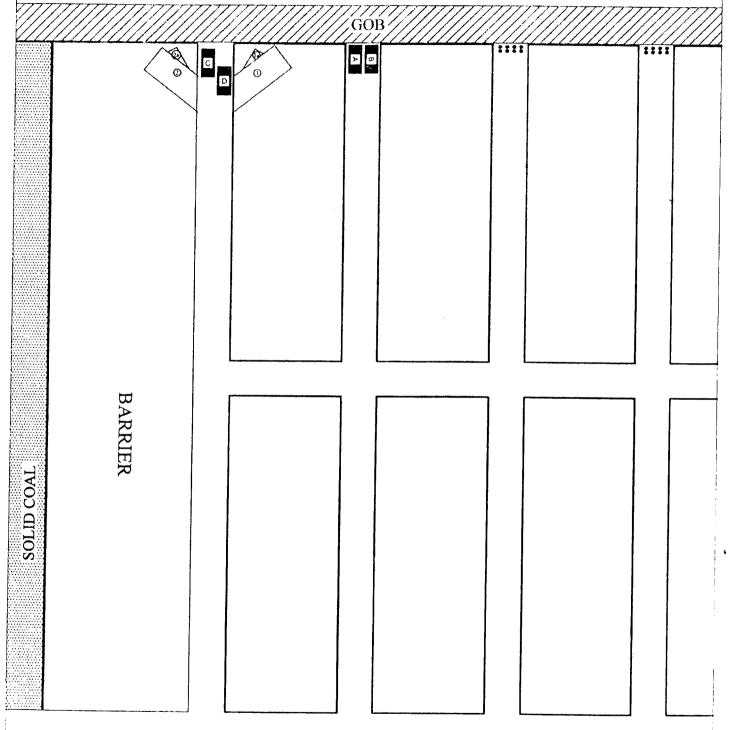
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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FIGURE 2
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 2



LEGEND GOB MRS UNIT

MRS UNIT
MINING LIFT
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SCALE 1"-50'

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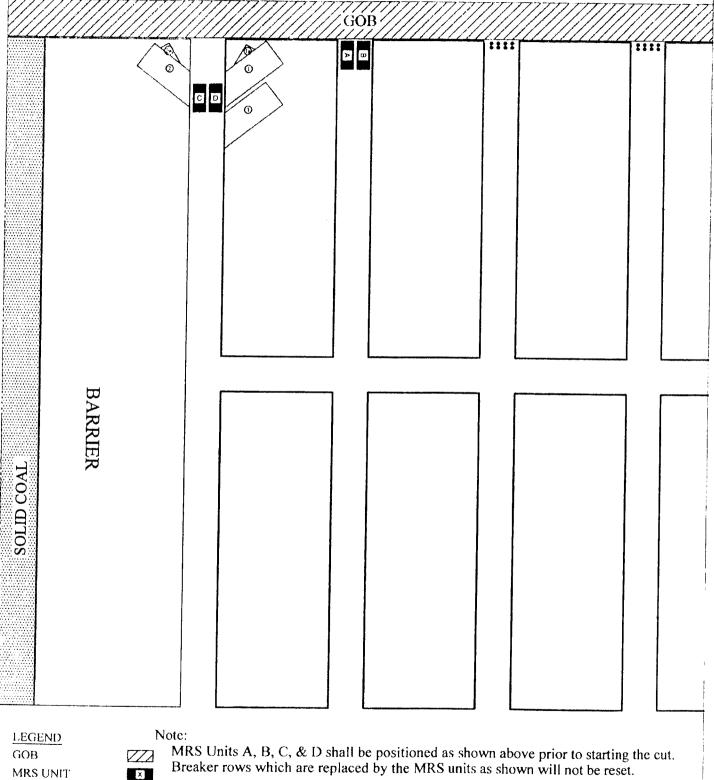
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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FIGURE 3 Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 3



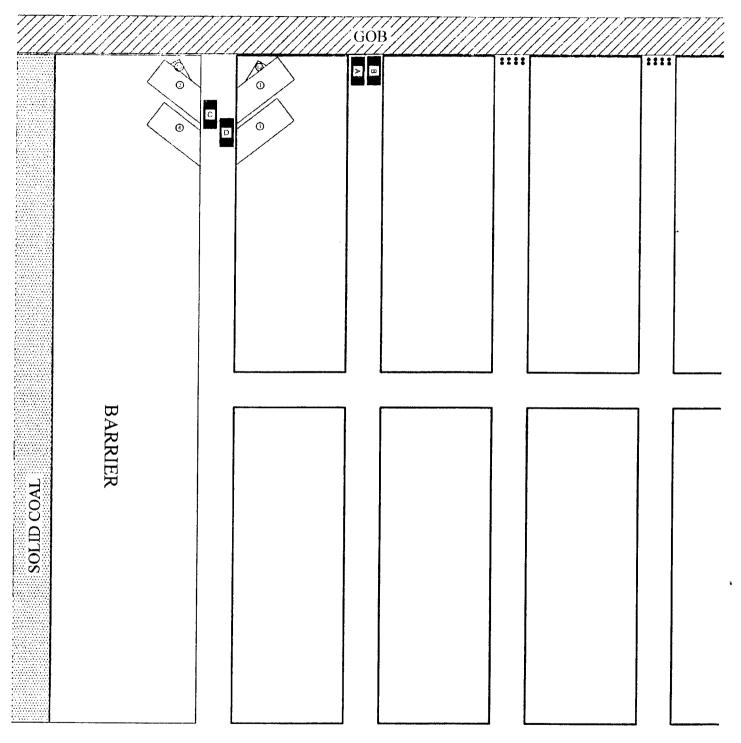
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TIMBER SCALE 1"=50"

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FIGURE 4
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 4



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MRS UNIT
MINING LIFT
TIMBER
SCALE 1"=50'

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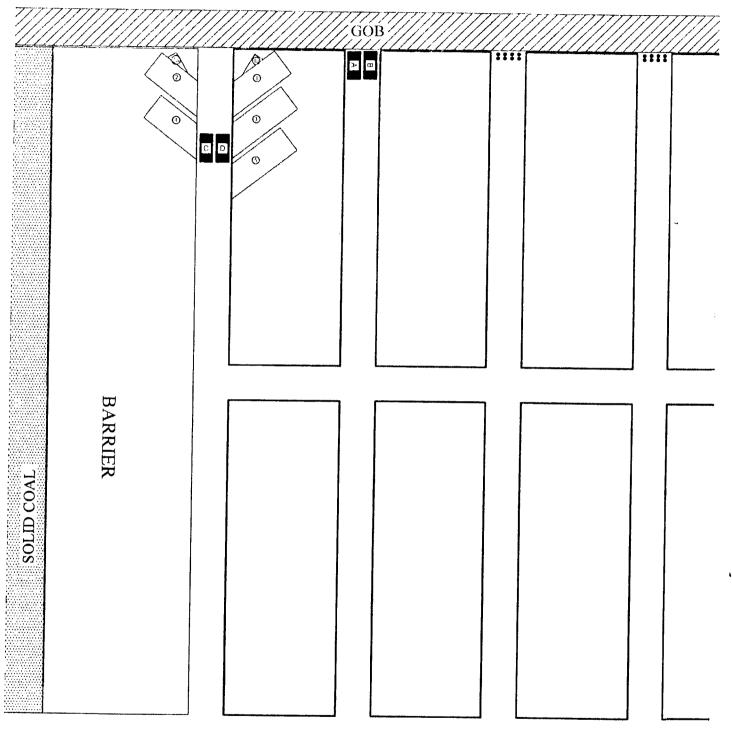
MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

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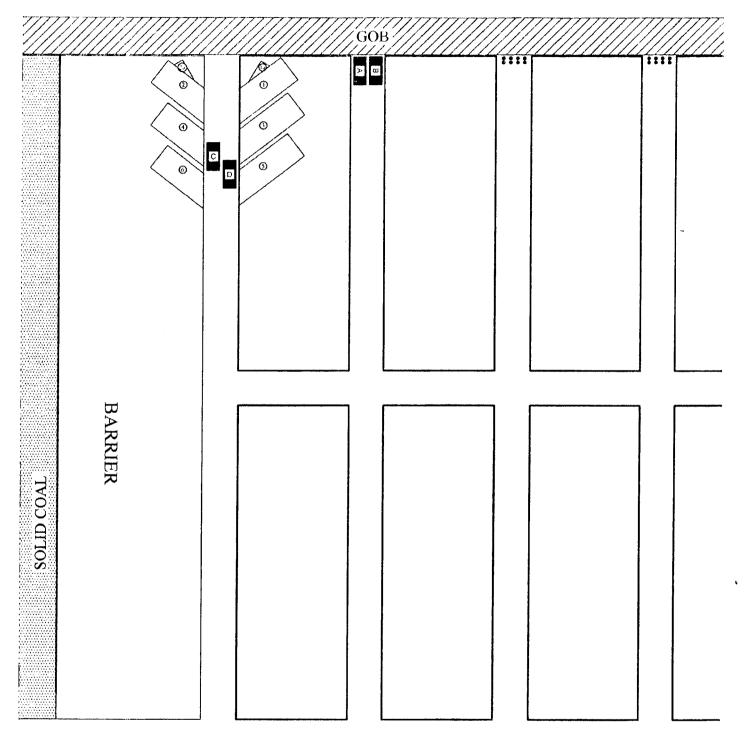
FIGURE 5
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 5



LEGEND GOB MRS UNIT MINING LIFT TIMBER SCALE 1"=50' Note:

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FIGURE 6
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 6



LEGEND GOB MRS UNIT MINING LIFT TIMBER SCALE 1"=50" Note:



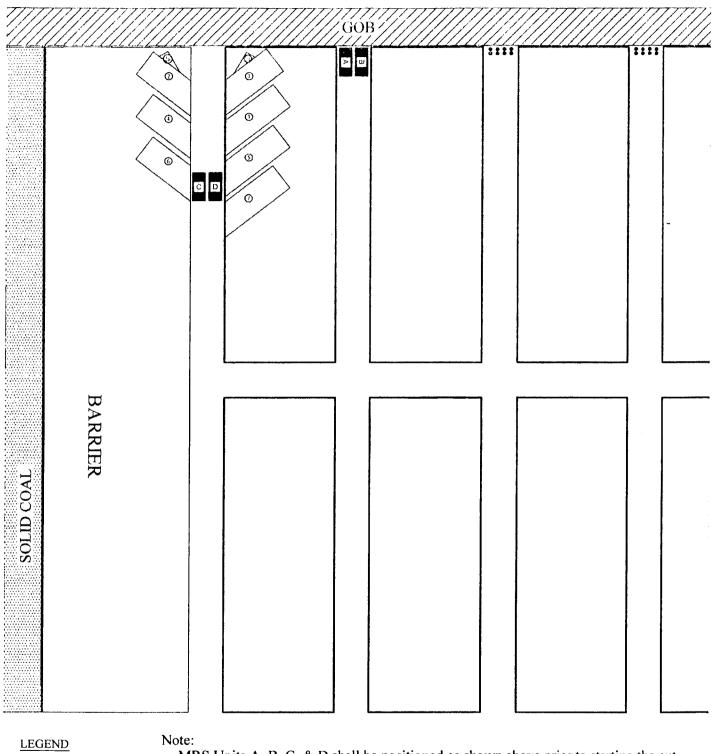
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FIGURE 7 Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 7



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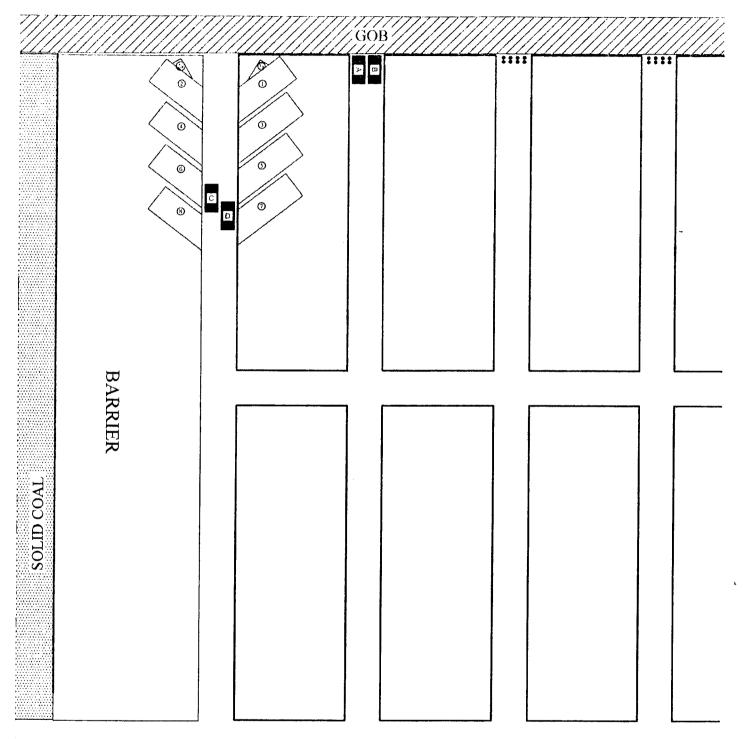
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FIGURE 8
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 8



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MINING LIFT
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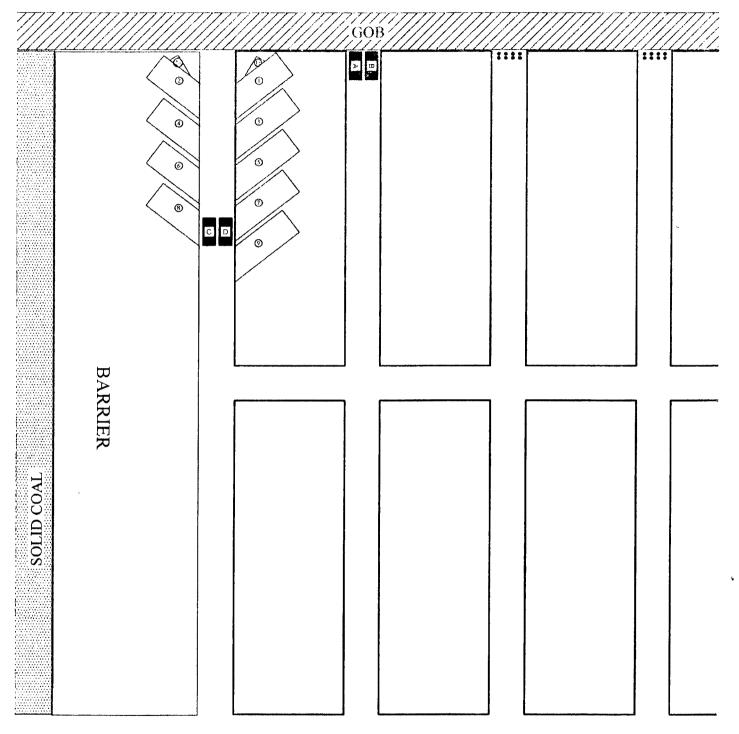
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FIGURE 9
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 9



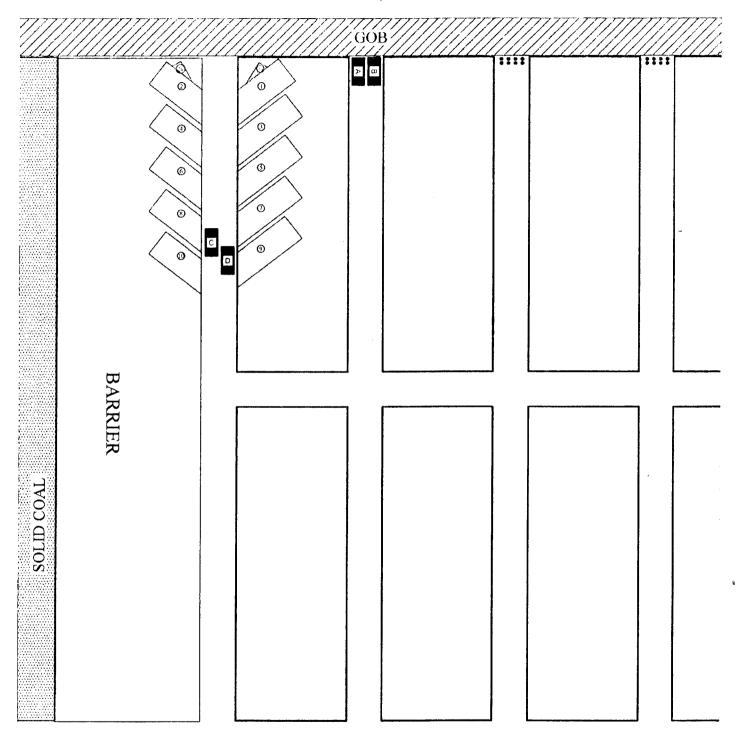
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FIGURE 10
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 10



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TIMBER
SCALE 1"=50'

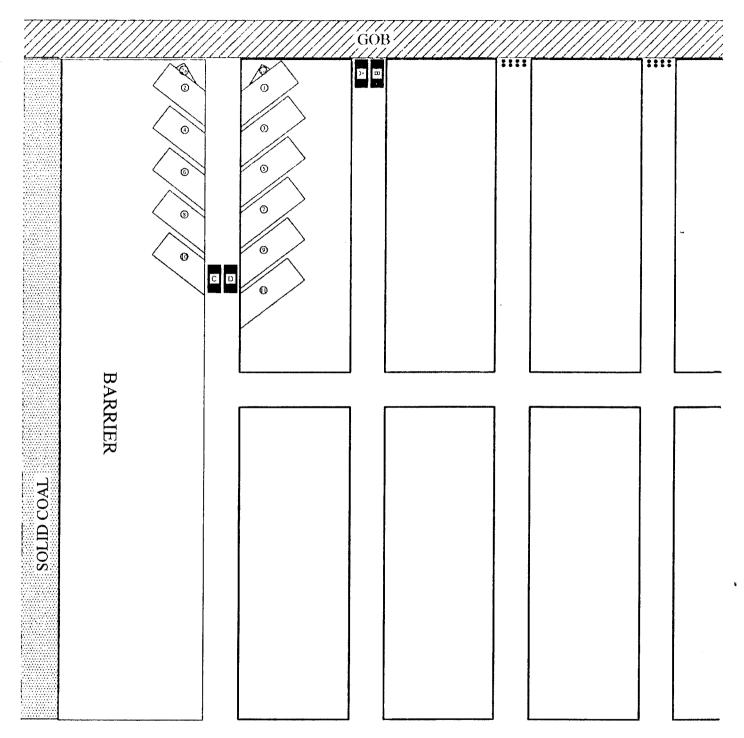
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FIGURE 11
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 11



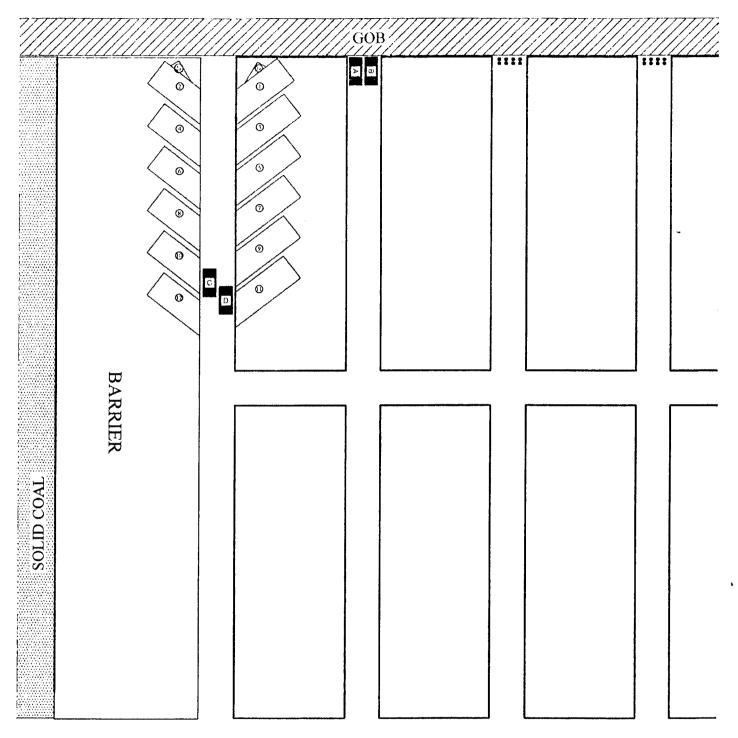
LEGEND GOB MRS UNIT MINING LIFT TIMBER SCALE 1" -50' Note:

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FIGURE 12
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 12



Note:

MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut.

MRS UNIT

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TIMBER

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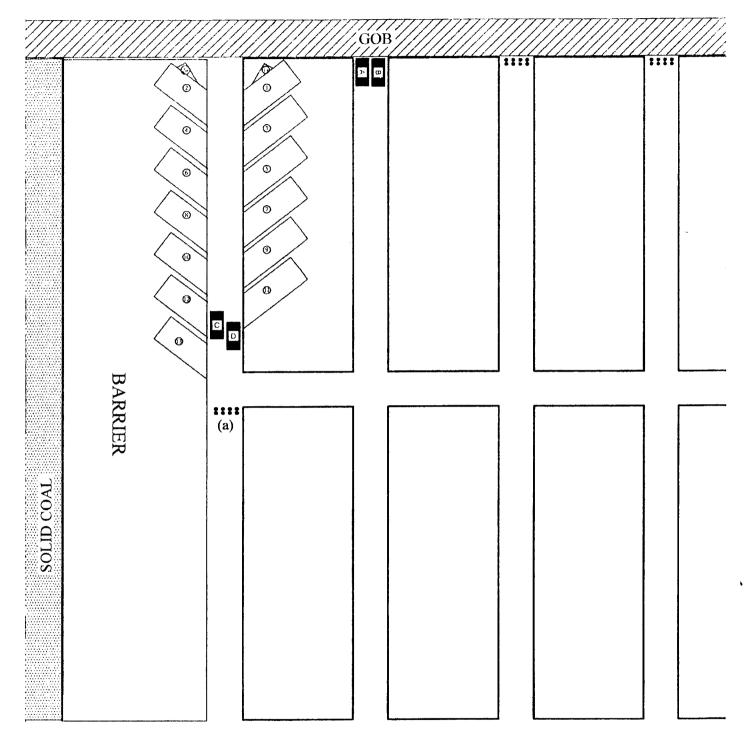
MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut.

Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

A minimum fender thickness of 5' between lifts, left side of entry, will apply.

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FIGURE 13 Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 13



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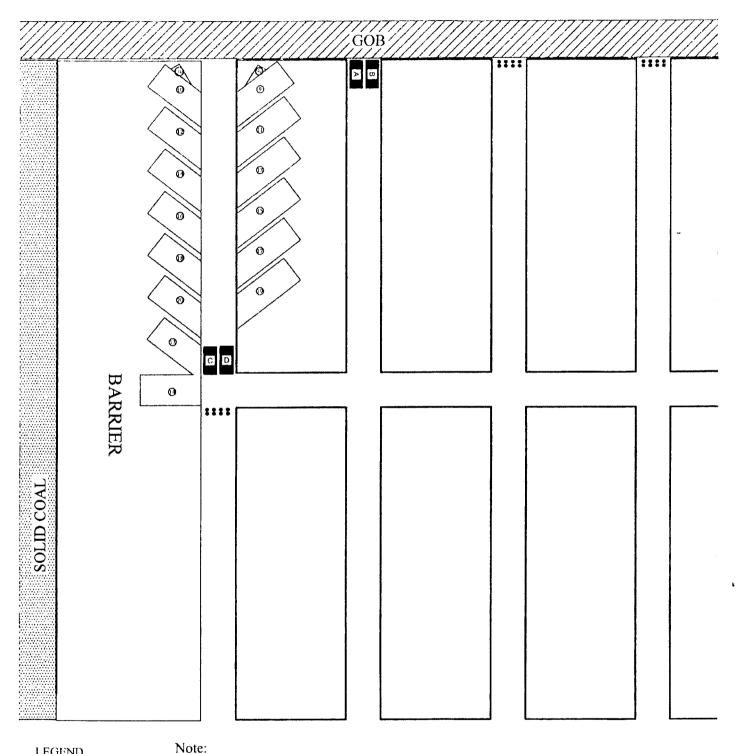
MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut.

Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.

Double Breaker row (a) to be set as shown prior to initiating cut 13.

A minimum fender thickness of 5' between lifts, left side of entry, will apply.

FIGURE 14
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 14



Note:

MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut.

MRS UNIT

MINING LIFT

TIMBER

SCALE 1"=50'

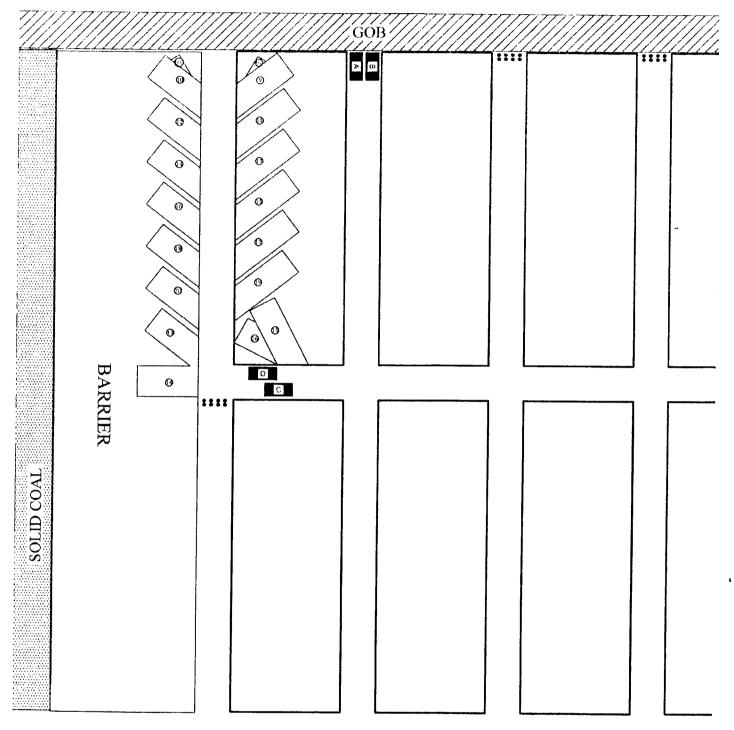
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut.

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FIGURE 15
Pillar Extraction - with barrier - Cut No. 15 & 16



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MRS UNIT
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TIMBER
SCALE 1"=50'

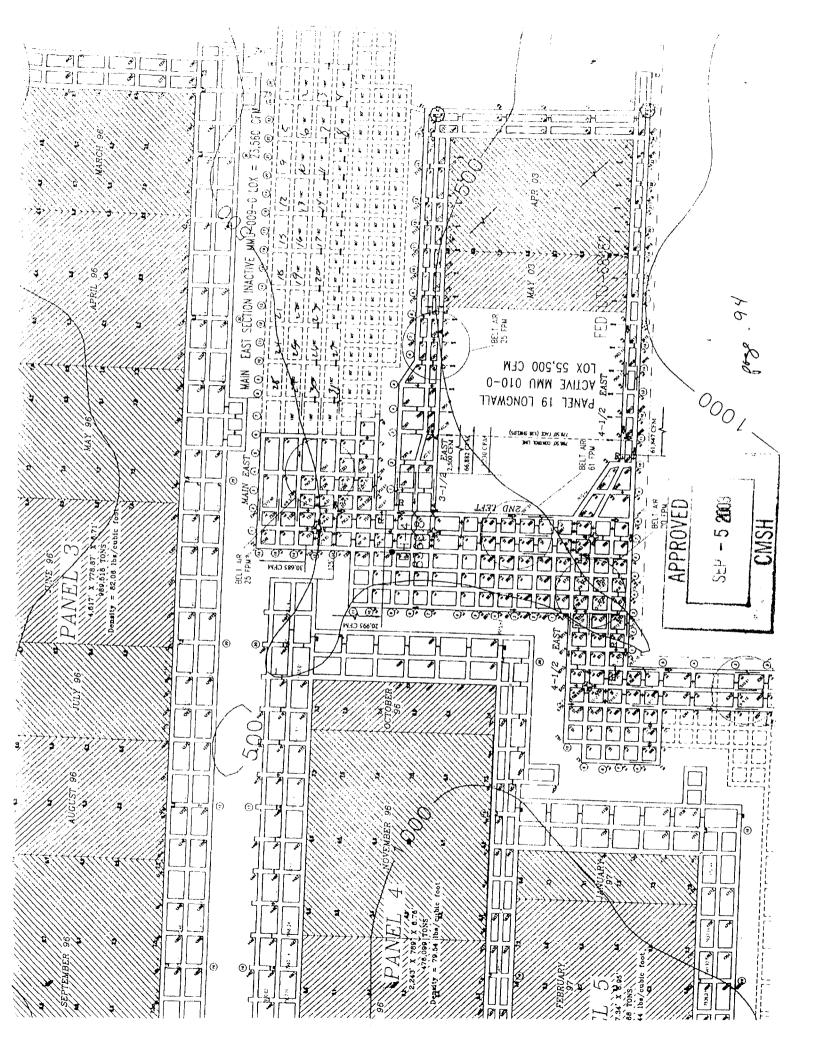
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MRS Units A, B, C, & D shall be positioned as shown above prior to starting the cut. MRS Units A, B, C, & D will then be positioned for the next sequencial pillar as shown in Figure 7, page 63, and the next pillar will be started as shown for cuts 7 & 8 page 63 and identified this page as cuts 15 & 16.

Breaker rows which are replaced by the MRS units as shown will not be reset.



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Mr. Laine Adair General Manager UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. 794 North C Canyon Road Price, UT 84501

Re: GENWAL Crandall Canyon Mine Main West South Barrier Mining Evaluation

Dear Laine,

Agapito Associates, Inc. (AAI) has completed the geotechnical analysis of GENWAL Resources, Inc.'s (GENWAL) plan for room-and-pillar mining in the Crandall Canyon Mine Main West south barrier. AAI recommended the use of pillars on 80-ft by 92-ft<sup>1</sup> centers for retreat mining in both the north and south Main West barriers based on an earlier analysis documented in our July 20, 2007, report.<sup>2</sup> The design proved successful on development in the north barrier panel under maximum cover reaching 2,200 ft deep.

The panel was successfully retreated to crosscut (XC) 138 under approximately 2,100 ft of cover when poor roof conditions motivated moving the face outby and skipping pulling pillars between XCs 135 and 138. The retreat was re-initiated by pulling the two pillars between XCs 134 and 135 in early March 2007. A large bump occurred at this point resulting in heavy damage to the entries located between XCs 133 and 139. The remaining north panel was abandoned in favor of mining the south barrier.

AAI engineers ( ) isited the bump location on March 16. 2007, under the escort of Mr. Gary Peacock, GENWAL Mine Manager and Mr. Laine Adair, General Manager, UtahAmerican Energy, Inc. GENWAL commissioned AAI to refine the pillar design for the south barrier based on the response of the north panel pillars. AAI was able to analyze the stress and convergence conditions at the time of the bump and modify the pillar design accordingly to control the potential for similar events in the south barrier. The results of the analysis and recommendations for south barrier mining are summarized in the following letter.

<sup>1</sup> Pillar geometry stated in terms of center dimensions; entries typically mined 17 ft wide.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Agapito Associates, Inc. (2006), "DRAFT—GENWAL Crandall Canyon Mine Main West Barrier Pillar Mining Evaluation," prepared for Andalex Resources, Inc.

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## ANALYSIS

Ground conditions were simulated using the calibrated NIOSH LAMODEL<sup>3</sup> displacement discontinuity model used in the preceding study.<sup>2</sup> The complete model area is illustrated in Figure 1. Simulated conditions at the time of the bump are shown in Figures 2, 3, and 4. Figure 2 describes the vertical stress distribution in the pillars leading up to the bump. Figures 3 and 4 show the corresponding degrees of coal yielding and roof-to-floor convergence. The figures incidentally show retreat mining in the south barrier, although this did not exist at the time of the bump. The two retreats were simulated in the same model for convenience, which is possible because the two areas are geomechnically isolated from one another in the model.

At the time of the bump, the cave was reported to be lagging inby XC 138. Also, the new start-up cave was minimally developed above the two pillars pulled between XCs 134 and 135. These lagging caves were simulated in the model by limiting load transfer through the gob, which causes higher abutment loads to be transmitted to surrounding pillars. The lagging caves can be recognized in Figure 1 by the white colored gob areas.

Model results show that high stresses were placed on the pillars from three contributing sources: (1) abutment loads from the main cave (inby XC 138), (2) abutment loads from the start-up cave (between XCs 134 and 135), and, to a lesser extent, (3) abutment loads from longwall Panel 12. Peak stresses were concentrated on the pillars located between the two caves (between XCs 135 and 138). Figure 3 shows significant yielding in these pillars indicative of overloading. Modeling suggests that the start-up cave contributed on the order of 5,000 psi additional stress to some parts of the surrounding pillars. This, coupled with the other abutment loads, is believed to have created a high stress region that allowed a localized bump in the pillars somewhere between XCs 134 and 135 to propagate to pillars over a much wider area.

Figures 2, 3, and 4 show stress, yielding, and convergence levels in the same sized pillars (80-ft by 92-ft<sup>1</sup>) in the south barrier for ordinary retreat conditions, where no pillars are skipped. The figures show that high-stress conditions attenuate quickly away from the face and that protected conditions exist as close as one crosscut outby the face.

Figures 5, 6, and 7 illustrate the benefit of increasing pillar size from 80-ft by 92-ft<sup>1</sup> to 80-ft by 129-ft<sup>1</sup>. The added 37 ft length, approximately equivalent to an extra full cut, increases the size and strength of the pillars' confined cores, which helps to isolate bumps to the face and reduce the risk of larger bumps overrunning crews in outby locations. For conservatism, a lagging cave was also assumed in the south panel. Plans are to slab the south barrier to a depth of about 40 ft. The wider span is expected to improve caving conditions compared to the north panel and reduced concentrated loads at the face.

The south barrier will be mined to about 97 ft wide (rib-to-rib) after slabbing. The slabbed barrier will be subject to side abutment loads from gob on both sides, resulting in elevated stress levels through the core. Model results indicate that the barrier will yield to a

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Heasley, K.A. (1998), Numerical Modeling of Coal Mines with a Laminated Displacement-Discontinuity Code, Ph.D. Thesis, Colorado School of Mines, 187 p.

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depth of about 20 ft along the ribs, but that the core will remain competent. This is likely to result in some bumping in the gob, but is not considered to pose unusual risk to crews working at the face.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the evidence from the Main West north barrier retreat and results of numerical modeling, we recommend mining with 80-ft by 129-ft<sup>1</sup> pillars, or similar, in the south barrier. This size of pillar is expected to provide a reliable level of protection against problematic bumping for retreat mining under cover reaching 2,200 ft. Pillars should be robbed as completely as is safe to promote good caving. Slabbing the south-side barrier is expected to benefit caving. Skipping pillars should be avoided in the south barrier, particularly under the deepest cover.

Please contact me to discuss these results, at your convenience, or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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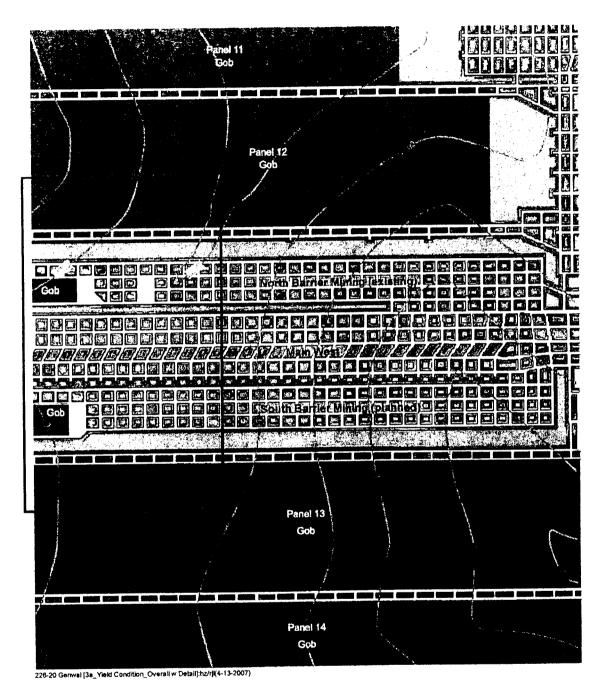


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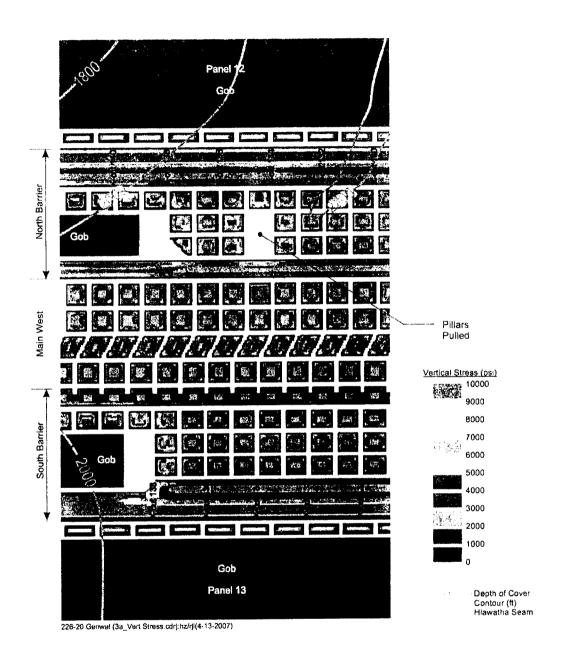


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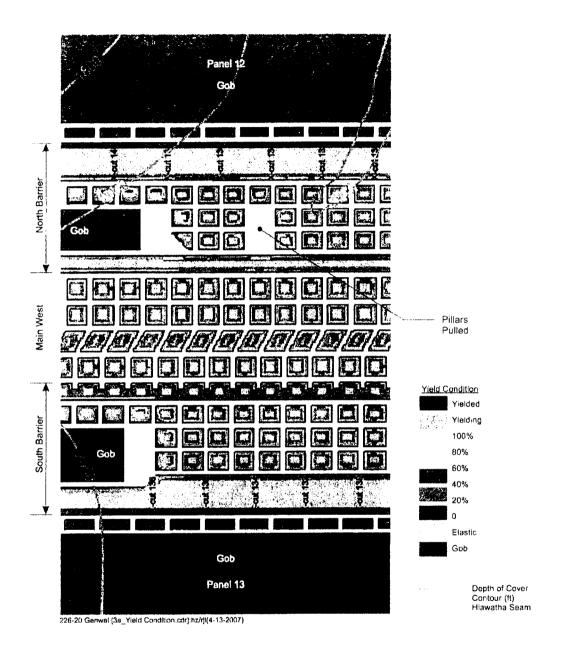


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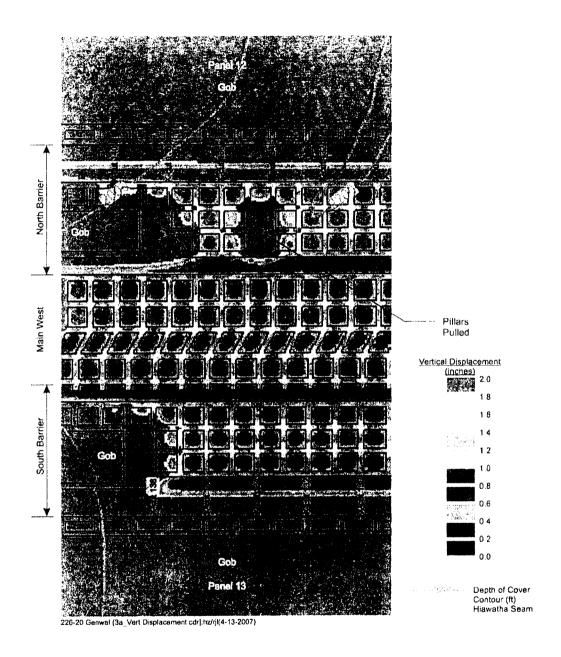


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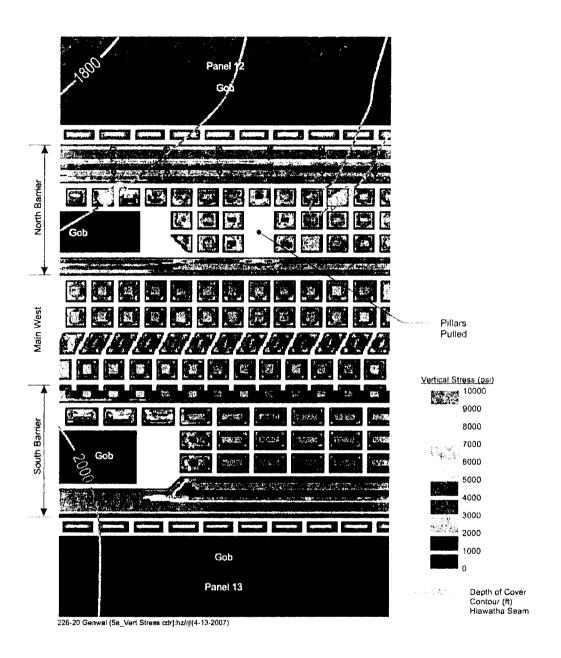


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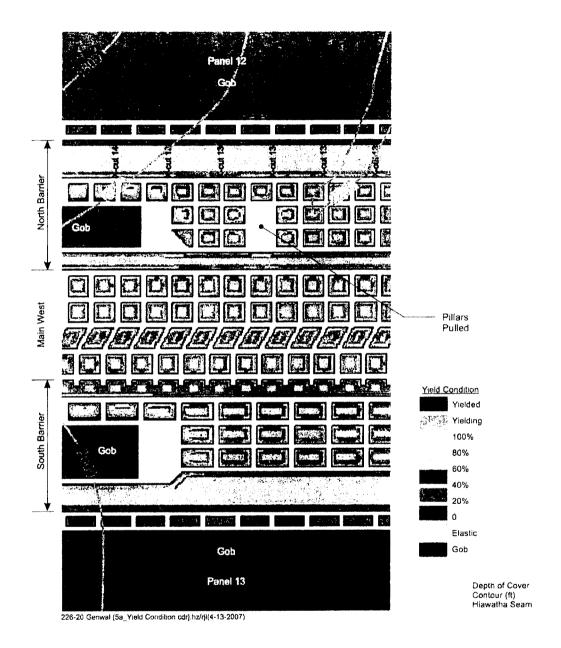


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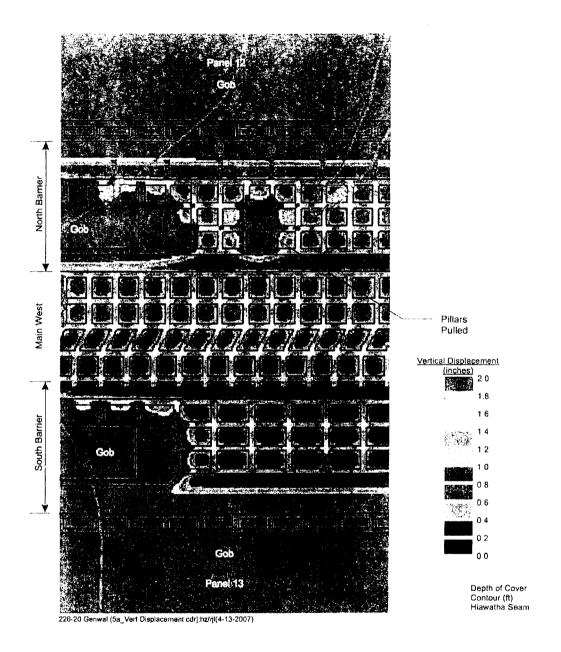


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DRAFT—GENWAL Crandall Canyon Mine Main West Barrier Mining Evaluation

Dear Laine,

Agapito Associates, Inc. (AAI), has completed the geotechnical analysis of GENWAL Resources, Inc.'s (GENWAL) plan for room-and-pillar mining in the Main West barriers at the Crandall Canyon Mine (Figure 1). Current plans include developing four entries in the barriers north and south of the existing mains in the area west of the 1<sup>st</sup> Right/2<sup>nd</sup> North submains under cover ranging from about 1,300 ft to 2,200 ft. Barrier mining is also planned to the east between the 1<sup>st</sup> Right/2<sup>nd</sup> North and 1<sup>st</sup> North submains under generally shallower cover. Figure 1 shows the existing mine in green and planned mining in black. The objective of the analysis was to evaluate the potential for high-stress conditions caused by a combination of deep cover and side-abutment loads from the adjacent longwall gobs, and any load transferred onto the barriers from the existing pillars in Main West. Findings of the analysis and implications for pillar design and ground control are discussed.

## CONCLUSIONS

Conclusions are that the proposed Main West 4-entry layout with 60-ft by 72-ft (rib-to-rib) pillars should function adequately for short-term mining in the barriers (i.e., less than 1 year duty). Model results indicate that planned mining in the barriers will avoid the majority of the side-abutment stress transferred from the adjacent longwall panel gobs. Stress conditions are expected to be controlled by the depth of cover and not by abutment loads.

The proposed 60-ft by 72-ft pillars are not intended for long-term performance and, therefore, can accept a reduced design safety margin compared to typical life-of-mine mains pillars. Analytical results indicate that the proposed pillars result in only incrementally more geotechnical risk than associated with the historical pillars in Main West. The historical 70-ft by 72-ft pillars in Main West have performed adequately for many years longer than will be required for mining the barriers. Because rib yielding and roof sag are time-dependent effects, it is probable that mining will be completed in the barriers before rib and roof conditions show

advanced deterioration. The modern mining practices of GENWAL, including systematic bolting rapidly after excavation, bolting with 6 bolts per row, tight geometric control, mining with narrow entries (18 ft wide), and mining to rock instead of leaving top coal, should make this a workable design and limit geotechnical risk to an acceptable level. Increasing crosscut spacing is not expected to significantly improve ground control.

## **ANALYSIS**

Ground conditions were simulated using the NIOSH displacement discontinuity code, LAMODEL.<sup>1</sup> The approach involved two stages of modeling, first, simulation of historical mining in the 1<sup>st</sup> North Left block of room-and-pillar panels and, second, simulation of future conditions in Main West. The historical and future mining areas modeled are highlighted in Figure 1. The models were used to calculate three parameters: (1) in-seam vertical stress, (2) roof-to-floor convergence, and (3) pillar (coal) yielding. These parameters provide the principal quantitative basis for comparing historical and future conditions.

Both models (historical and future mining areas) incorporated the mining geometry, sequence of mining, and variable depth of cover. To provide realistic pillar behavior, a high-resolution model was created using 5-ft-square elements. Coal strength was specified for eight levels of increasing confinement based upon depth into the rib, ranging from 2.5 to 37.5 ft.

In LAMODEL, the "method of slices" is applied to approximate the load bearing capacity of the pillars. This method assumes that the strength of any pillar element is a function of its distance from the nearest pillar rib and element size by:

$$\sigma_{v} = S_{t}[0.71 + 1.74(x/h)]$$
 (Eqn. 1)

where

 $\sigma_{v}$  = Confined coal strength

 $S_{i}$  = In situ rock mass unconfined strength

x = Distance from the nearest pillar rib

h = Pillar height

Peak strain in each element is calculated by:

$$\varepsilon_{v} = \sigma_{v} / E$$
 (Eqn. 2)

where

 $\varepsilon_{v}$  = Peak strain

E = Coal elastic modulus

Upon yielding, the residual stress and residual strain within a pillar element are calculated by:

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$$\sigma_r = 0.2254 \times \ln(x) \times \sigma_v \tag{Eqn. 3}$$

and

$$\varepsilon_r = 4 \times \varepsilon_v$$
 (Eqn. 4)

where

 $\sigma_r = \text{Residual stress}$ 

 $\varepsilon_r = \text{Residual strain}$ 

The in situ unconfined coal strength and elastic modulus are estimated to be 1,640 psi, and  $0.5 \times 10^6$  psi, respectively, for a 5-square-ft element. An average 8-ft pillar height, representative of actual and planned mining, was used in all models. The eight levels of confined coal strength and corresponding strain for a typical pillar, using Equations 1 through 4, are listed in Table 1.

Table 1. LAMODEL Confined Coal Strength

Confined Coal Distance into Rib (ft)	Confined Strength (psi)	Peak Strain	Residual Strength (psi)	Residual Strain
2.5	2,059	0.004	425	0.017
7.5	3,845	0.008	1,746	0.032
12.5	5,631	0.012	3,206	0.047
17.5	7,417	0.016	4,785	0.062
22.5	9,203	0.019	6,459	0.077
27.5	10,989	0.023	8,209	0.092
32.5	12,775	0.027	10,025	0.107
37.5	14,562	0.031	11,896	0.122

Other model properties are summarized in Table 2 and are based principally on previous modeling studies for the Crandall Canyon Mine. <sup>2,3,4,5</sup>

## 1st North Left Panels Back-Analysis

The historical mining area is relevant for calibrating the model for predicting future conditions in Main West because of (1) similar geologic conditions to that in Main West,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Agapito Associates, Inc. (1995), "Technical Review of Longwall Feasibility," prepared for GENWAL Resources, Inc., November.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Agapito Associates, Inc. (2000), "Barrier Pillar to Protect Bleeder for Panel 15, South of West Mains," prepared for GENWAL Resources, Inc., May 5.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Agapito Associates, Inc. (1997), "Panel 6th Right Experiment Back Analysis and Model Calibration," prepared for GENWAL Resources, Inc., November 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Agapito Associates, Inc. (2004), "GENWAL South Crandall Canyon Mine Gateroad Alternatives Geotechnical Study," prepared for GENWAL Resources, Inc., December 17.

Table 2. Input Parameters for LAMODEL

Overburden	
Deformation Modulus of Roof Rock (psi)	2,000,000
Poisson's Ratio of Overburden	0.25
Lamination Thickness of Overburden (ft)	25
Unit Weight of Overburden (pcf)	158
Coal	
Elastic Modulus of Coal (psi)	470,000
Poisson's Ratio of Coal	0.34
Strain Hardening Gob	
Initial Modulus (psi)	100
Final Modulus (psi)	76,000
Final Stress (psi)	4,000
Gob Height Factor	1
Poisson's Ratio of Gob	0.25

(2) significant depth of cover (up to 1,800 ft), and (3) similar mine geometry. The historical model area includes a barrier separating the mains from gob in the 9<sup>th</sup> Left panel at depths reaching 1,800 ft, which represents the same type of high-stress, side-abutment load transfer onto a barrier mechanism anticipated in Main West.

The 1<sup>st</sup> North Left model describes an area where room-and-pillar panels were retreated under relatively deep cover during the late 1990s. Ground conditions are reported to have been good during primary mining even with side-abutment loading from adjacent gob. Occasional pillars were left behind during retreat because of locally difficult ground conditions, mainly related to peeling top coal. This was compounded by large center-entry roof spans (reaching 22 to 23 ft) mined to accommodate the continuous haulage system in use at that time. Also, short 5-ft bolts and only 5 bolts per row were used in the panels, which is considered substandard for retreat mining compared to the mine's current practice. Conclusions are that, while retreat mining was overall successful, ground conditions could have been improved by mining the top coal. It is believed that this would have eliminated the need for leaving pillars in some locations.

Main West was recently mined northward into the barrier separating the mains from Panel 9<sup>th</sup> Left—1<sup>st</sup> North, leaving a 145-ft to 170-ft-wide barrier at a depth of about 1,600 to 1,800 ft. Ground conditions in the new entries are reported to be very good with no obvious effects of side-abutment load override across the barrier. Good conditions are also attributed to better mining practices than used in the historical panels to the north, including mining the top coal (rock roof), narrower entries (nominally 18-ft wide), and better roof bolting (6 bolts per row).

Modeling results presented in Figures 2 through 10 show vertical stress, coal yielding, and convergence for three stages of mining in Panel 9<sup>th</sup> Left, (1) when the panel was fully mined on the advance, and after the panel was (2) partly and then (3) fully retreated.

Figures 2, 3, and 4 show vertical stress, yielding, and seam convergence, respectively, during the first stage. Almost all remnant pillars in the north panels are shown to be fully yielded. The stresses in the centers of these pillars exceeded 10,000 psi, resulting in convergence greater than 2.0 inches. Pillars in Panel 9<sup>th</sup> Left show limited rib yielding. Seam convergence in the panel is computed by the model to be less than 1.6 inches and average vertical stresses within the pillars around 3,000 psi, reflecting an increase of about 800 psi above in situ stress levels.

At the second mining stage, pillars next to the gob at the retreat line are shown to be yielded (Figure 6) and converged more than 2.0 inches (Figure 7) in response to abutment stresses. Based on the experience in the panel with peeling top coal, 2.0 inches of convergence is considered an indicator of potential roof and rib instability in the model.

The third stage of mining in Figures 8, 9, and 10 shows 9<sup>th</sup> Left fully retreated and Main West mined into the barrier per the current geometry. The results show no significant side-abutment stress override across the barrier on to the mains pillars, consistent with actual conditions. Pillar rib yielding is shown to be minimal and roof convergence less than 1.0 inch in the vicinity of the barrier. This behavior is considered an indicator in the model of good ground conditions.

## Main West Barrier Mining Predictive Model

Future mining in the north barrier of Main West was simulated using the same model properties from the back-analysis model. The Main West model was adjusted to include the actual depth of cover which ranges from about 1,600 to 2,200 ft. The area encompassed by the model is considered representative of the range of conditions expected throughout Main West, including planned mining in the barrier south of the mains.

Results of the model are shown in Figures 11 through 19. Mining was simulated in three stages: (1) current conditions before any new mining (Figures 11 through 13), (2) early during planned mining with development part way into the barrier (Figures 14 through 16), and (3) after the barrier is fully mined (Figures 17 through 19). Planned mining includes 18-ft-wide rooms with 60 ft by 72 ft (rib-to-rib) pillars. These dimensions were rounded to 20 ft and 60 ft by 70 ft, respectively, in the model because of the 5-ft element size. Notably, the models show mining into the existing Main West entries. This may or may not be the final design. This is a conservative assumption useful for analyzing the highest pillar loading.

For the current geometry, the model shows side-abutment stresses reaching as high as 30,000 psi in the northern interior of the existing 450-ft-wide barrier. Figure 20 shows two stress profiles (A-A') through the barrier, one for the current geometry (magenta) and a second with planned mining in the barrier (blue). The location of Profile A-A' is shown in Figure 14. For the current geometry, stress levels taper to near pre-mining (in situ) stress levels approximately 100 ft into the barrier, indicating that the proposed 130-ft-wide barrier will limit exposure of the

planned entries and pillars to most of the abutment. Mining conditions are expected to reflect stress levels normally associated with development mining away from abutment stresses. Stress levels are expected to be controlled by the depth of cover, and not side-abutment stresses. This is consistent with the recent experience mining across the barrier from Panel 9<sup>th</sup> Left.

The proposed 60-ft by 72-ft (rib-to-rib) mains pillars are predicted to be about 7% weaker on average than the existing 70-ft by 72-ft pillars in Main West. This is based on five widely recognized empirical pillar strength formulas which show anywhere from a 1% to 12% drop in pillar strength with the 10 ft narrower pillar. Pillar strengths predicted by the various methods are summarized in Table 3.

Table 3. Reduction in Pillar Strength Based on Empirical Design Formulas

	Pillar Design Strength				
Empirical Formula	Existing Planned 70-ft × 60-ft × 72 ft 72-ft Pillars Pillars		Existing to Planned Pillar Strength Chang		
1,600 ft Deep					
Wilson Method	4,960 psi	4,800 psi	-160 psi	-3%	
Abel Method	5,740 psi	5,690 psi	-50 psi	-1%	
Bieniawski Method	3,910 psi	3,450 psi	-460 psi	-12%	
ALPS-Bieniawski Method	3,410 psi	3,010 psi	-400 psi	-12%	
Holland Method	3,060 psi	2,830 psi	-230 psi	-8%	
			Average	-7%	
2,200 ft Deep					
Wilson Method	6,730 psi	6,510 psi	-220 psi	-3%	
Abel Method	7,370 psi	7,290 psi	-80 psi	-1%	
Bieniawski Method	3,910 psi	3,450 psi	-460 psi	-12%	
ALPS-Bieniawski Method	3,410 psi	3,010 psi	-400 psi	-12%	
Holland Method	3,060 psi	2,830 psi	-230 psi	-8%	
	•		Average	-7%	

This reduced strength translates to slightly increased rib yielding (sloughage) and increased roof convergence. Figure 18 shows rib yielding predicted by the model. In the figure, rib yielding is limited to the corners of the existing 70-ft by 72-ft pillars (bottom two rows of pillars). In the proposed smaller pillars (top four rows of pillars), yielding occurs in the skin all the way around the pillar. However, the pillar cores are shown to remain competent in all locations, indicating acceptable pillar performance.

Figure 19 shows predicted roof convergence. Figure 21 compares centerline convergence along an entry in the existing mains (Profile B-B') with an entry central to the new mining (Profile C-C'). Profile locations are shown in Figure 19. The figures show that the proposed smaller pillars result in up to a 0.15 inch increase in roof convergence in the intersections, or about a 15% increase, compared to historical conditions in Main West. This reflects the increased rib yielding around the smaller pillars.

Based on modeled convergence, ground conditions are expected to be heavier compared to conditions in the mains across from Panel 9<sup>th</sup> Left, and only slightly heavier than conditions in the existing Main West entries. This suggests there will be an increased reliance on roof support, particularly under the deeper cover (>1,800 ft). However, convergence is far below the 2.0-inch level associated with roof and rib instability established by the back-analysis model.

The existing 70-ft by 72-ft pillars in Main West have performed reliably over the long-term (several years) and are considered a successful design, including under the deepest 2,200-ft cover. Some deterioration has occurred locally in Main West. This is attributed to the same historical mining practices responsible for poor roof conditions in the 1<sup>st</sup> North panel, namely, leaving variable top coal, mining extra wide entries to accommodate the continuous haulage system, using short bolts, and only bolting with 5 bolts per row. Also, where angled crosscuts were mined, disintegration of the sharp pillar corners produced spans 10 to 20 ft wider than normal. In spite of some localized time-dependent roof falls, the 70-ft by 72-ft pillar design has demonstrated it success for ensuring long-term stability when properly mined. Given the reliability of the existing mains pillars and the results of modeling, the narrower 60-ft by 72-ft pillars are not expected to substantially increase geotechnical risk for short-term mining.

Model results indicate that increasing crosscut spacing does not significantly improve conditions. Figures 22 through 24 show stress, yielding, and convergence for a 60-ft by 80-ft pillar, representing about a 20-ft increase in pillar length (between crosscuts) over the proposed design. The increased length only incrementally reduces rib yielding, corresponding to a modest decrease in entry convergence of about 2% to 4%, as shown by comparison of convergence profiles in Figure 21.

Please contact me to discuss these results, at your convenience, or if you have any questions.

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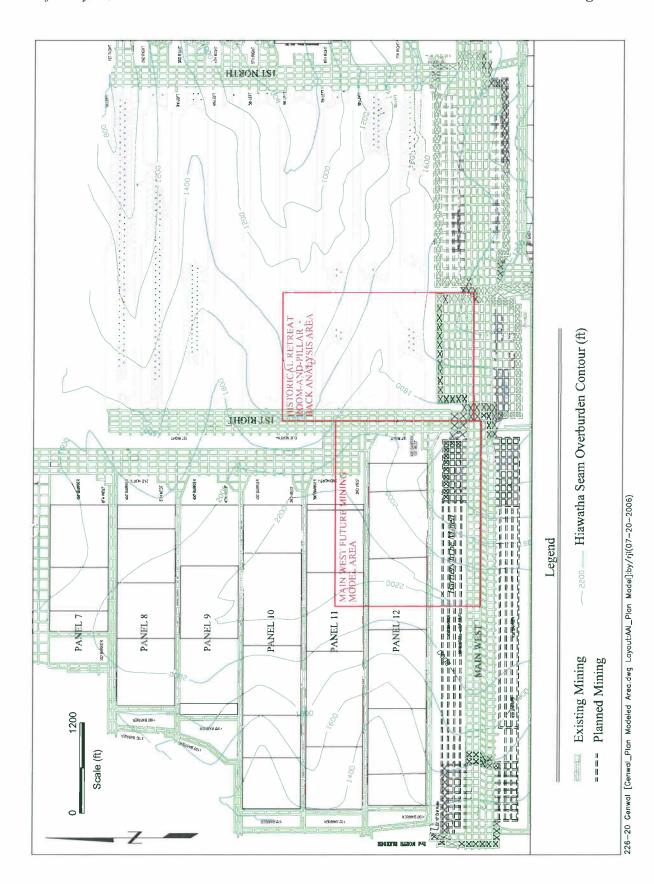


Figure 1. Main West Location Map Showing Existing and Future Mining and Modeled Areas

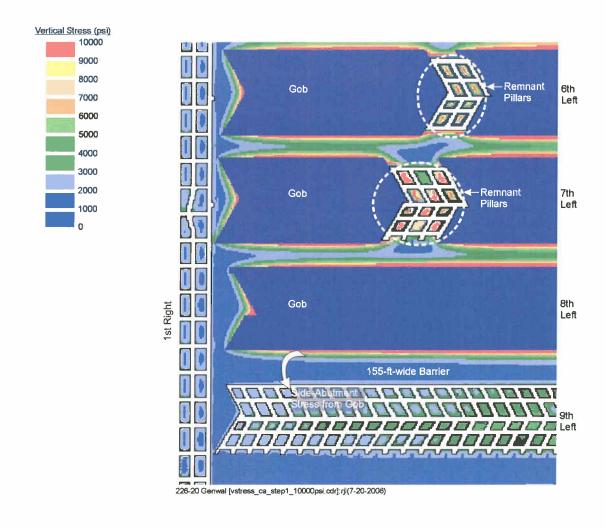


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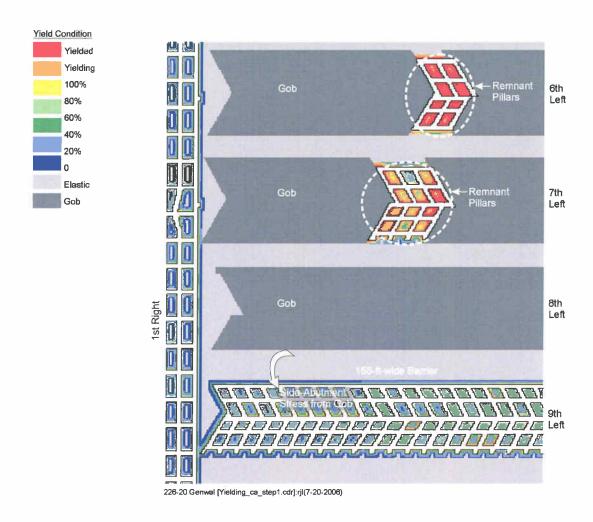


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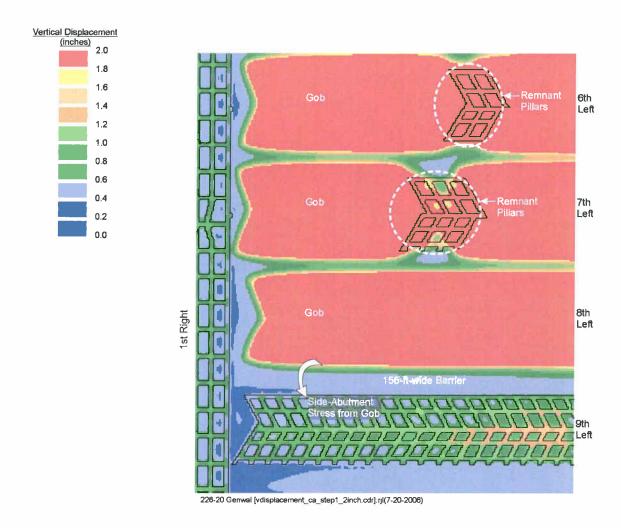


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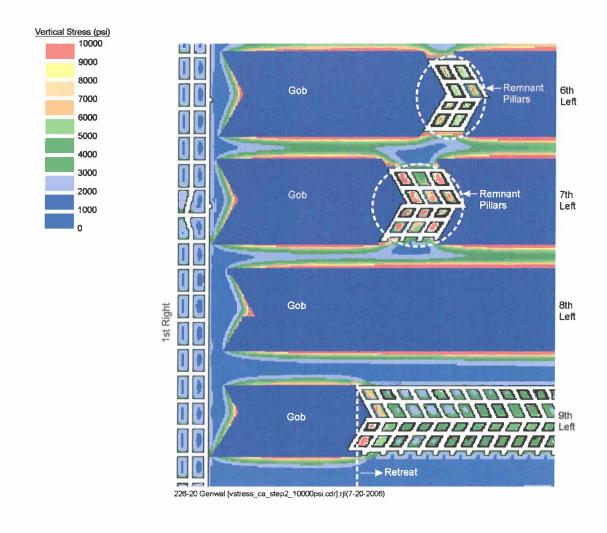


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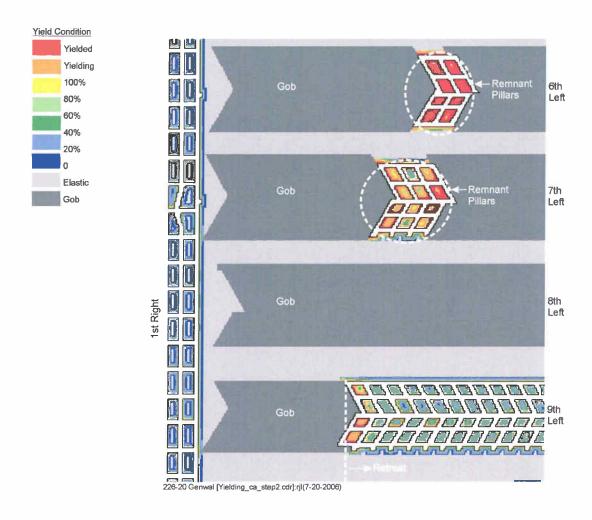


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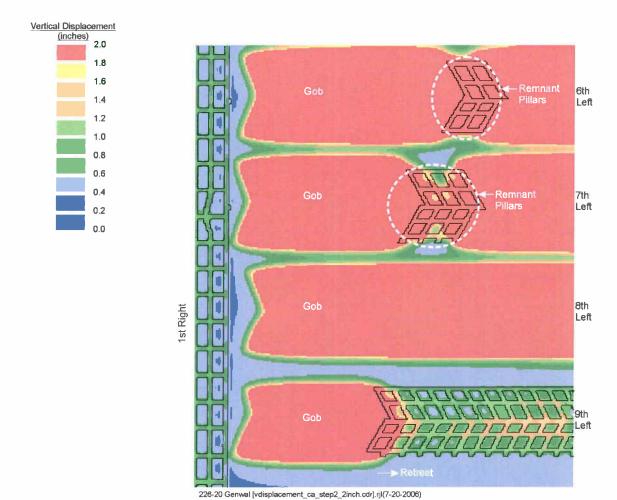


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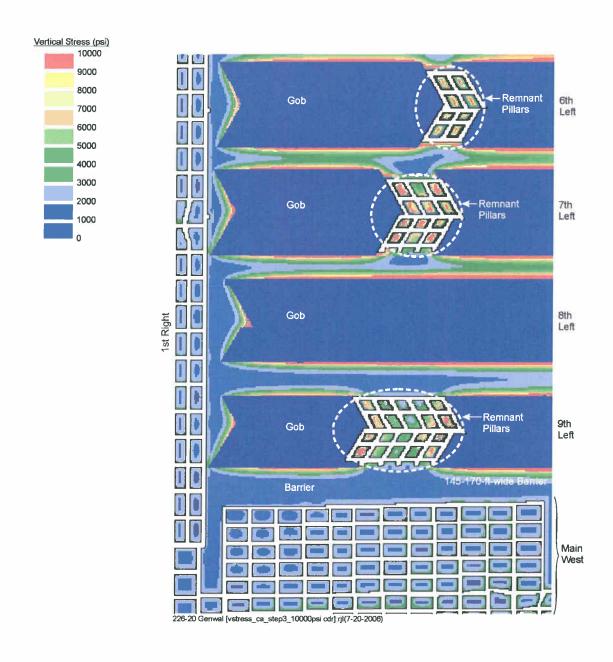


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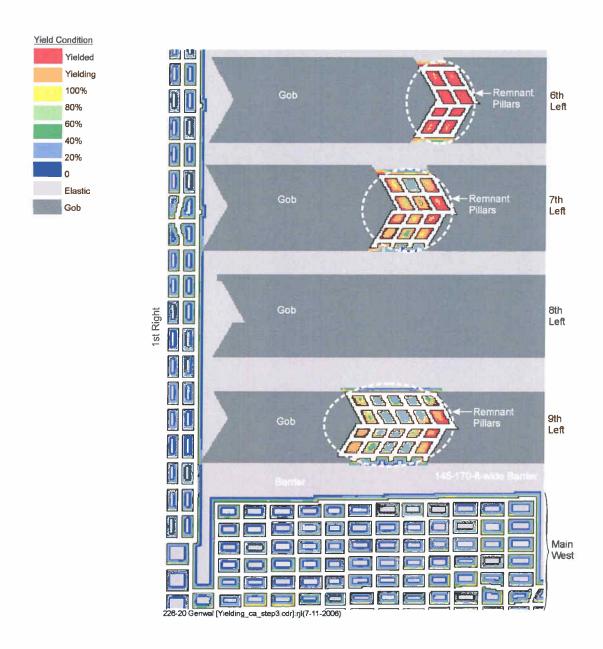


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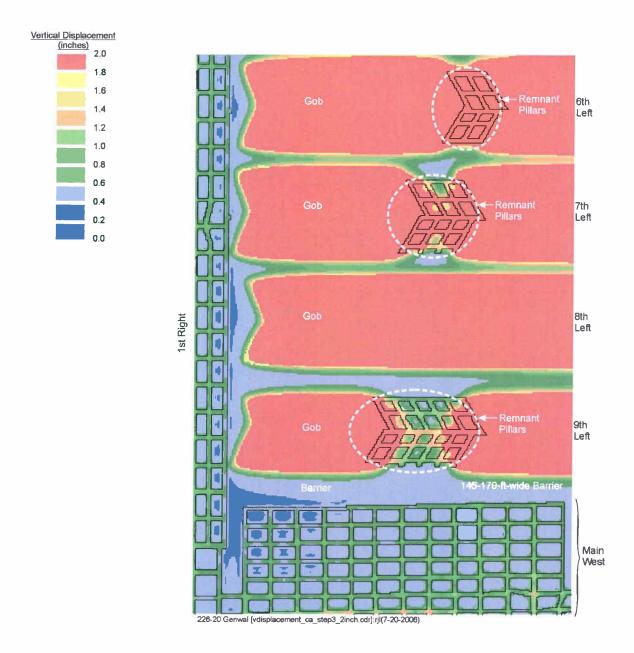


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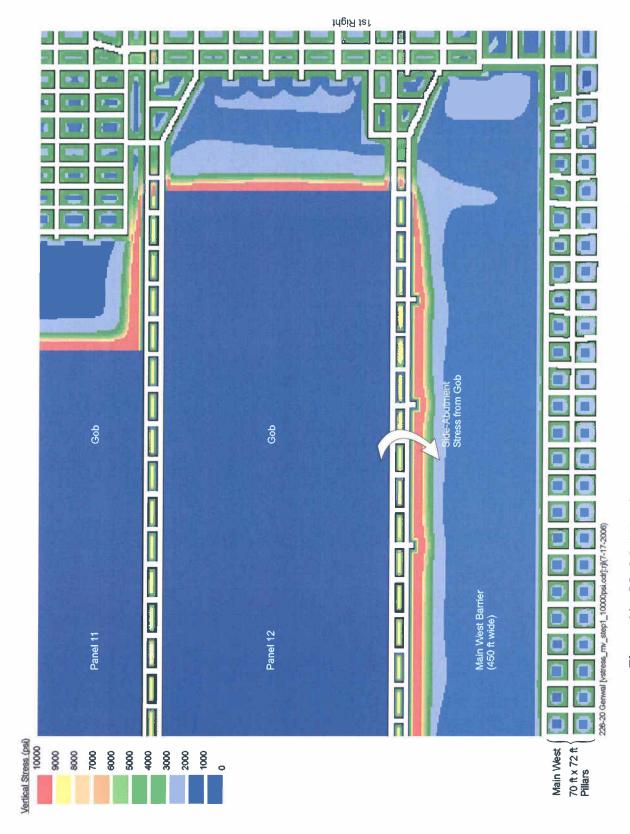


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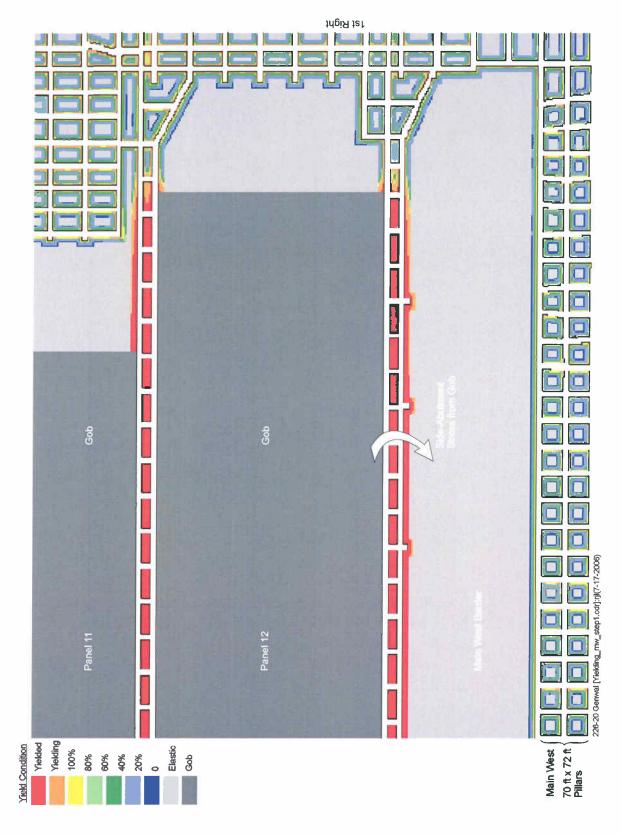
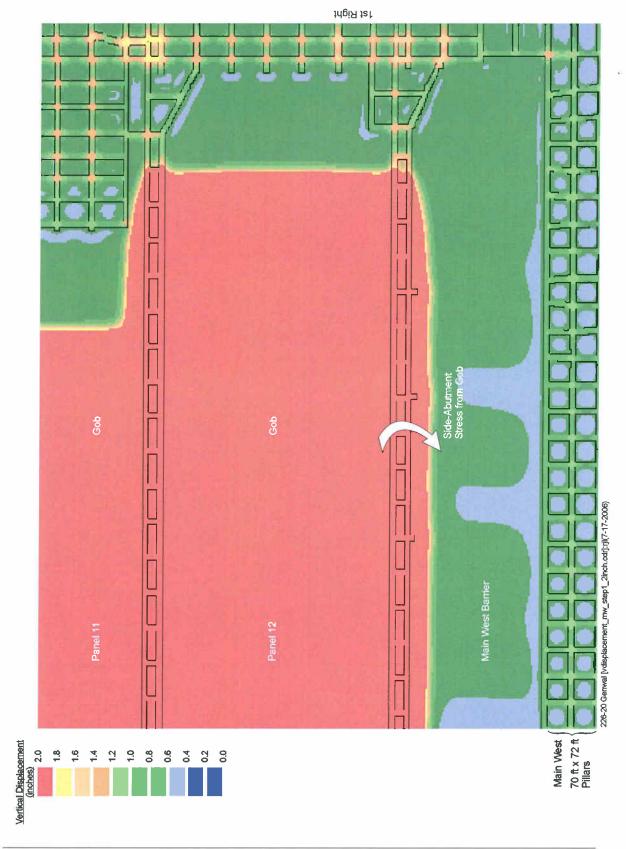
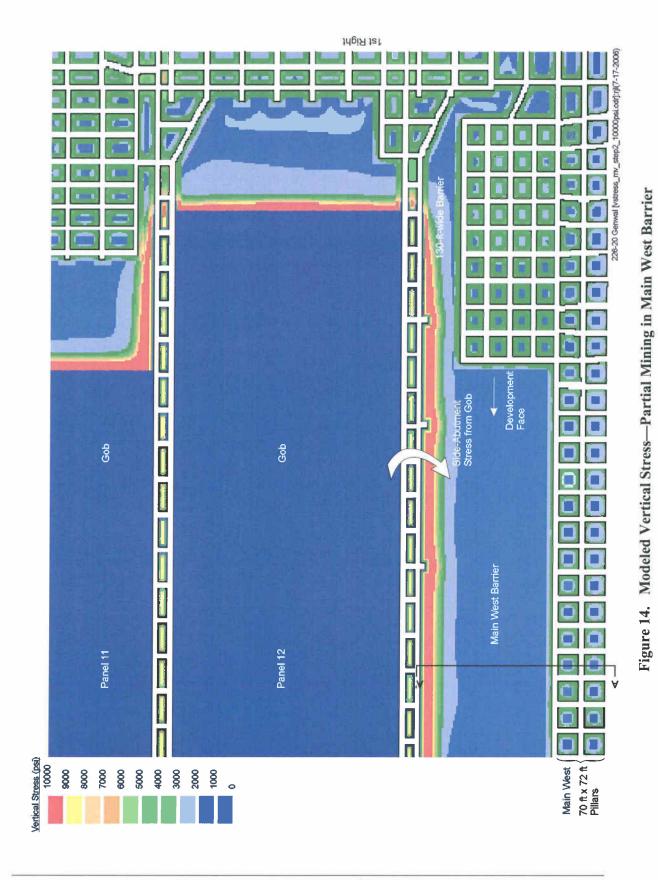


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Figure 13. Modeled Roof-to-Floor Convergence—Current Conditions in Main West Barrier



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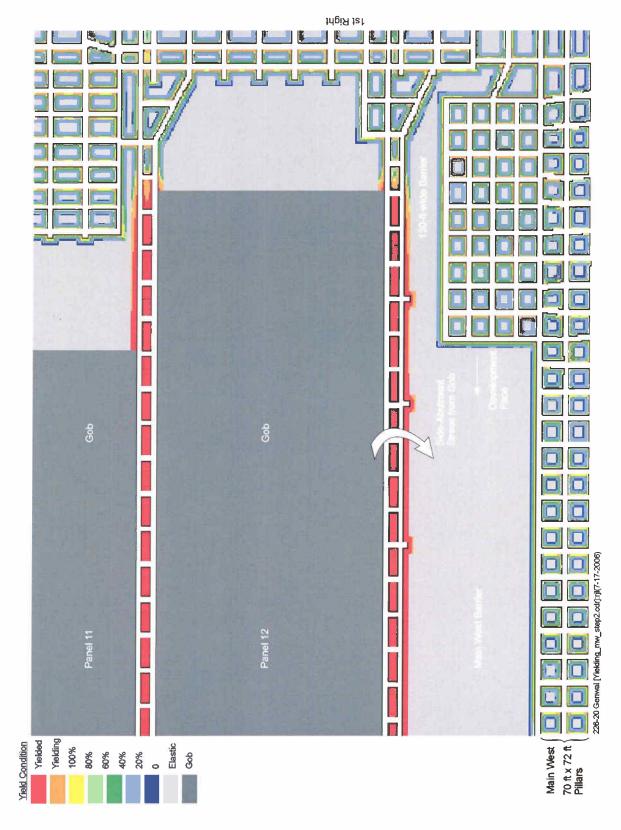


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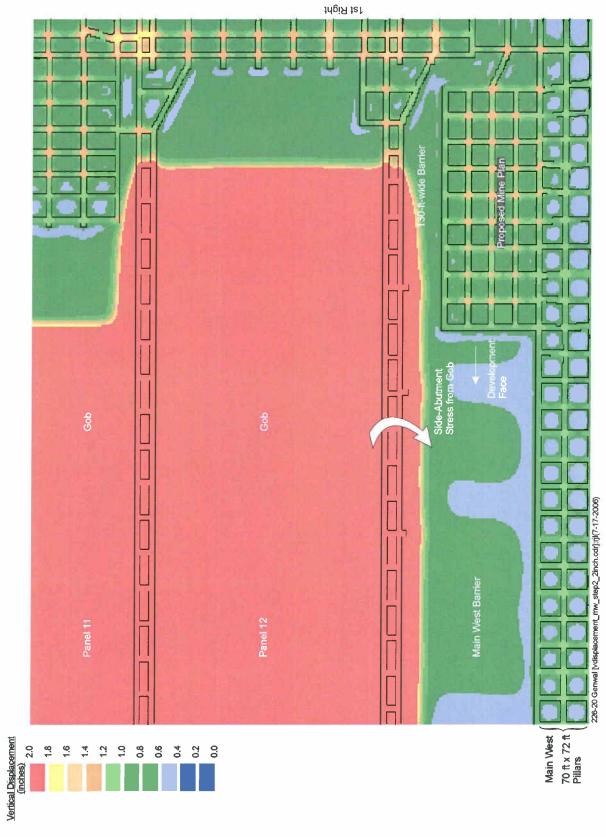


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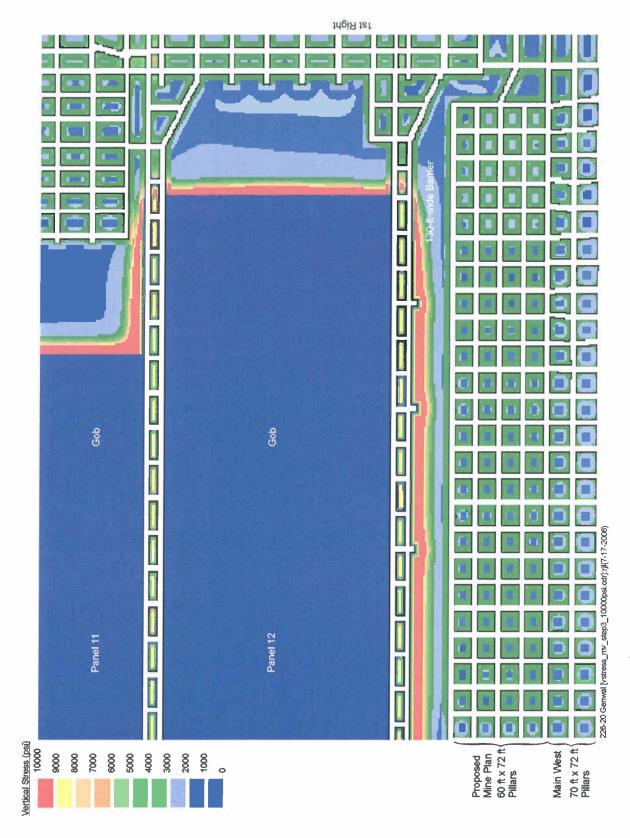
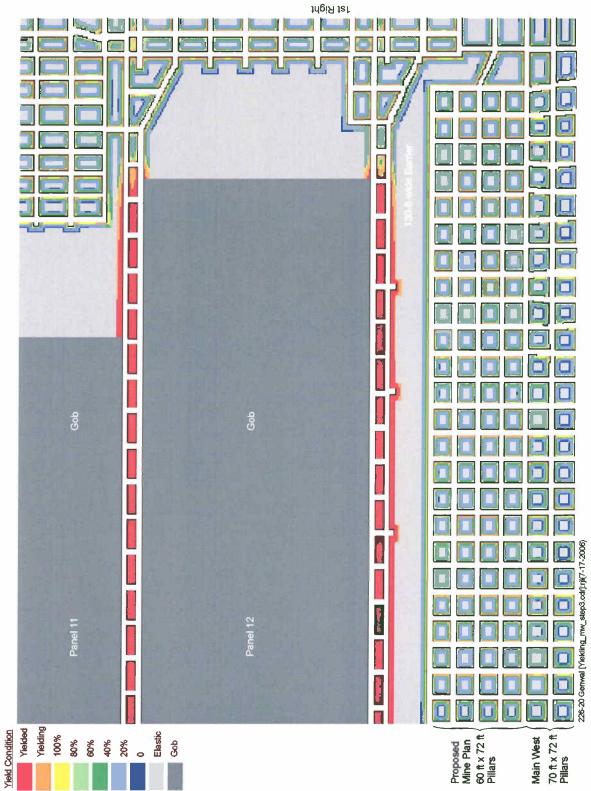


Figure 17. Modeled Vertical Stress-Mining Completed in Main West Barrier





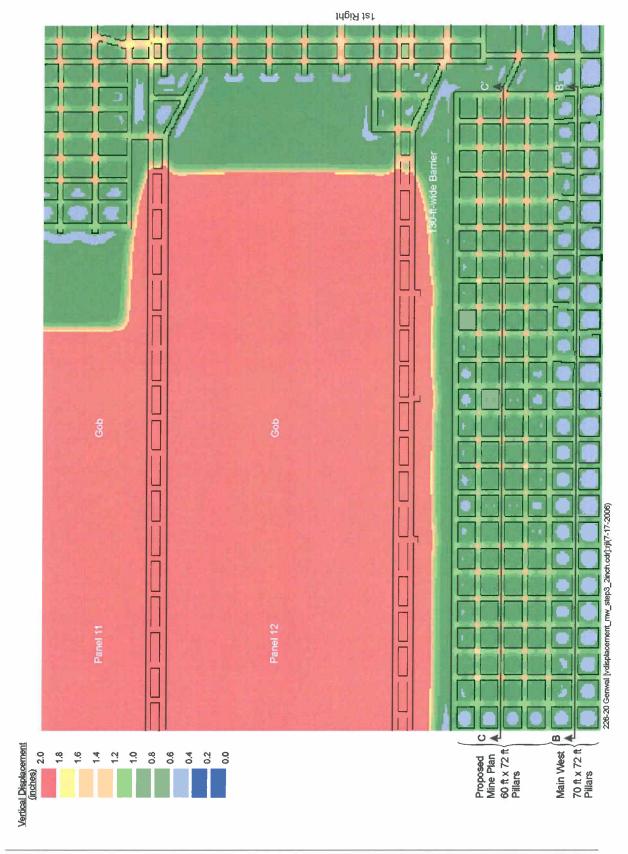


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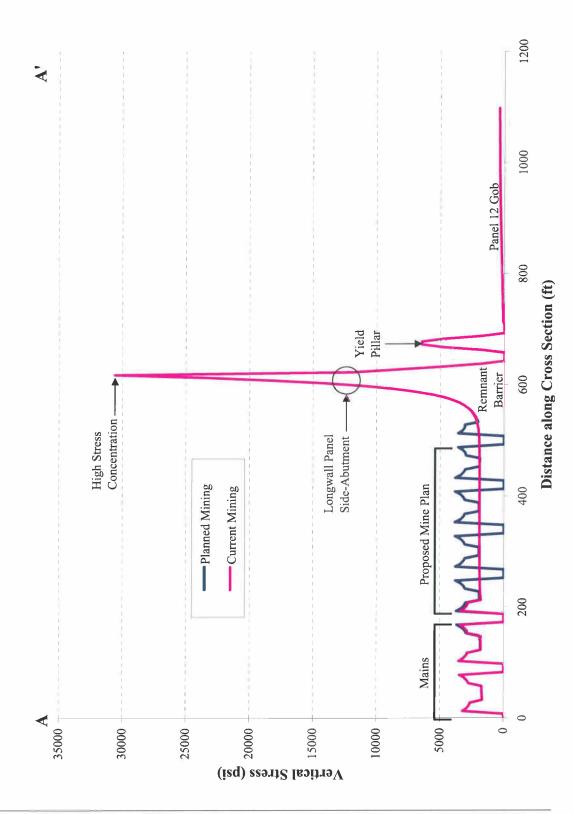
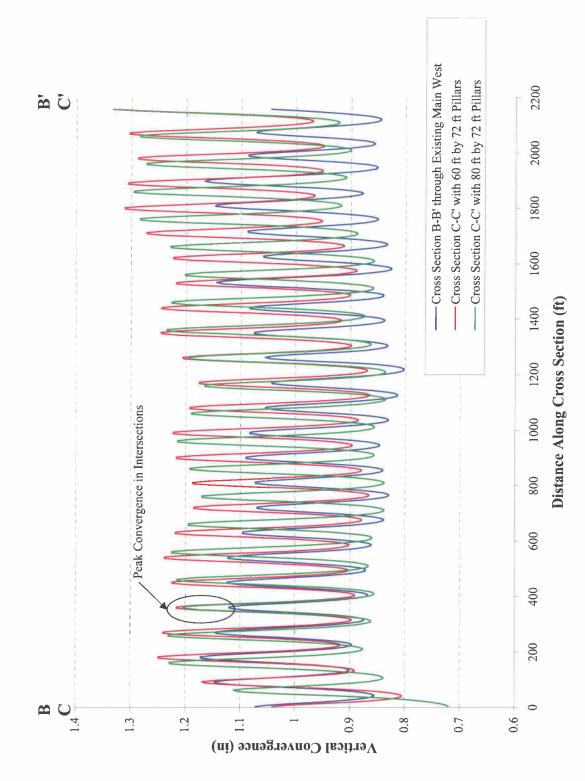


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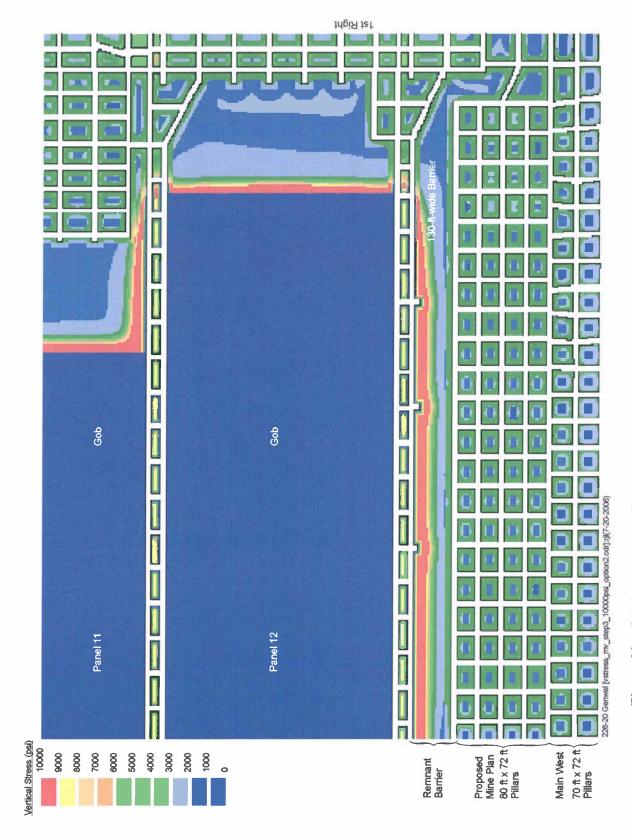
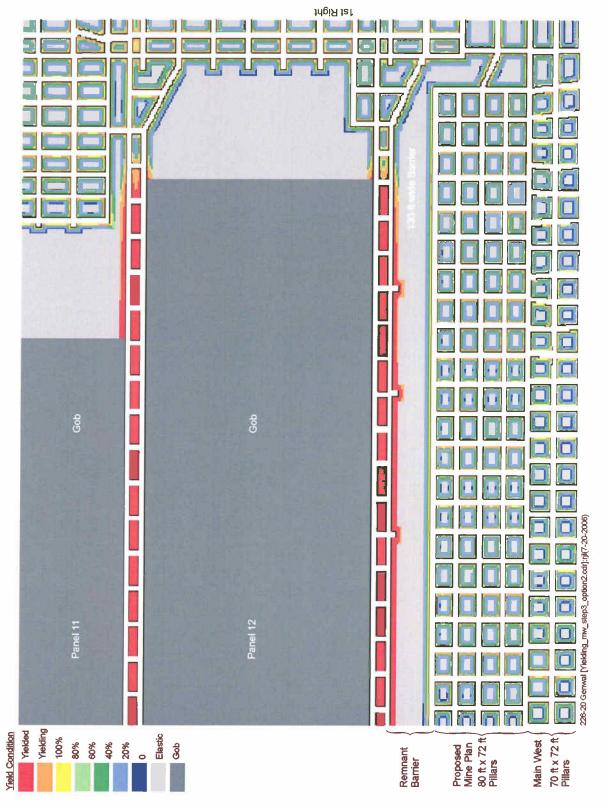


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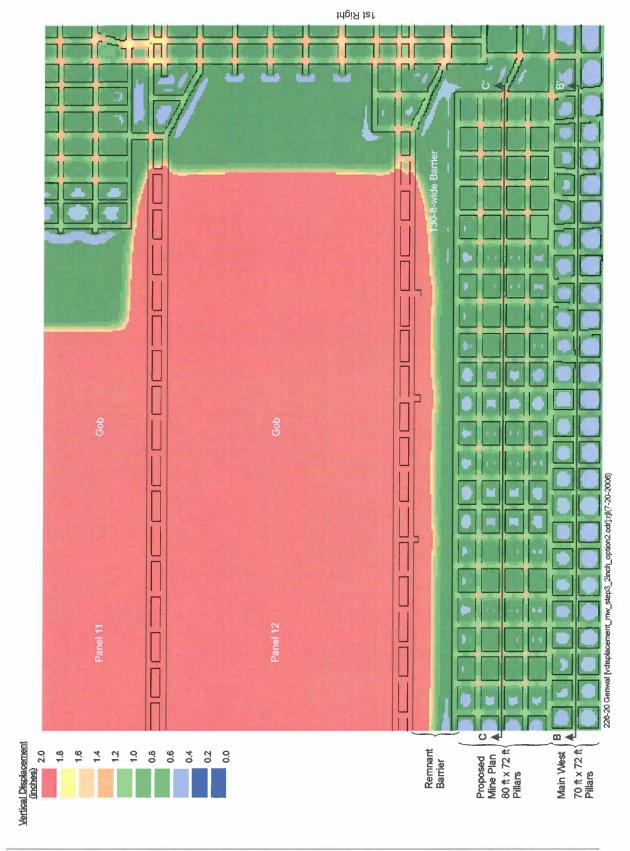


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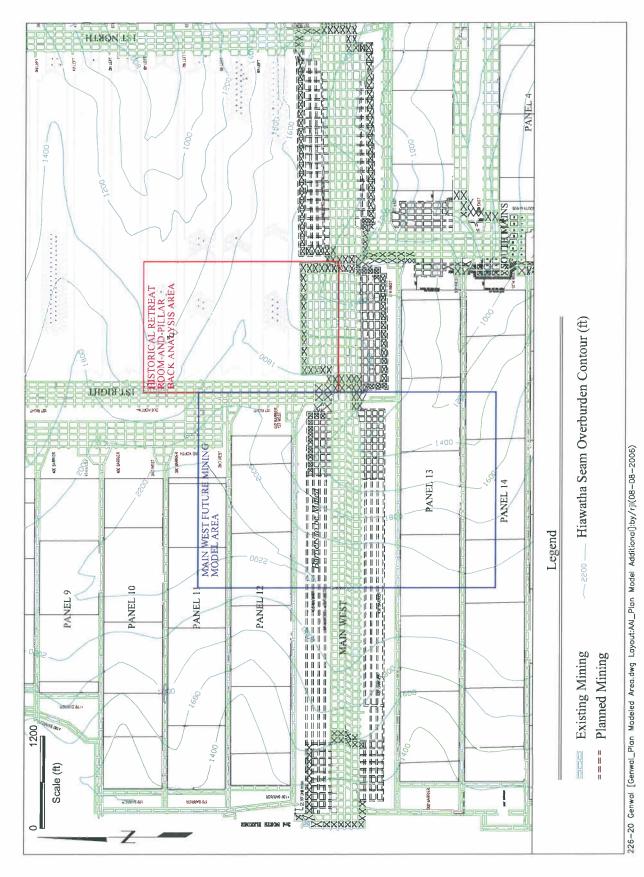


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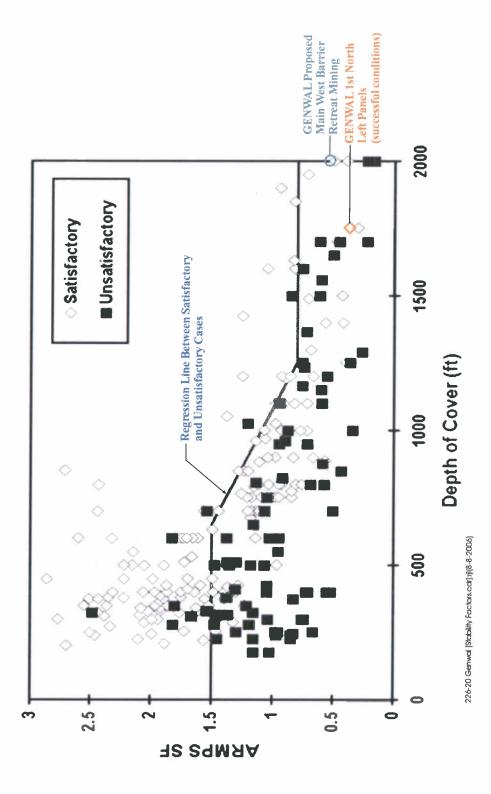
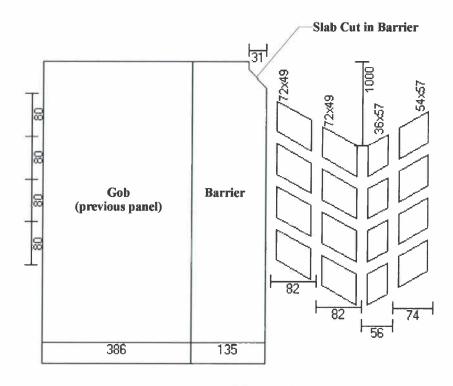
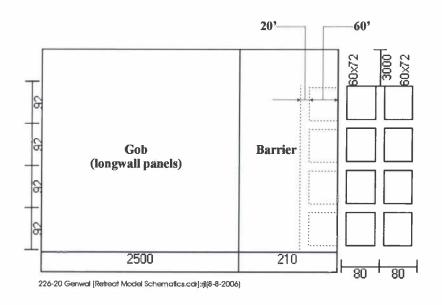


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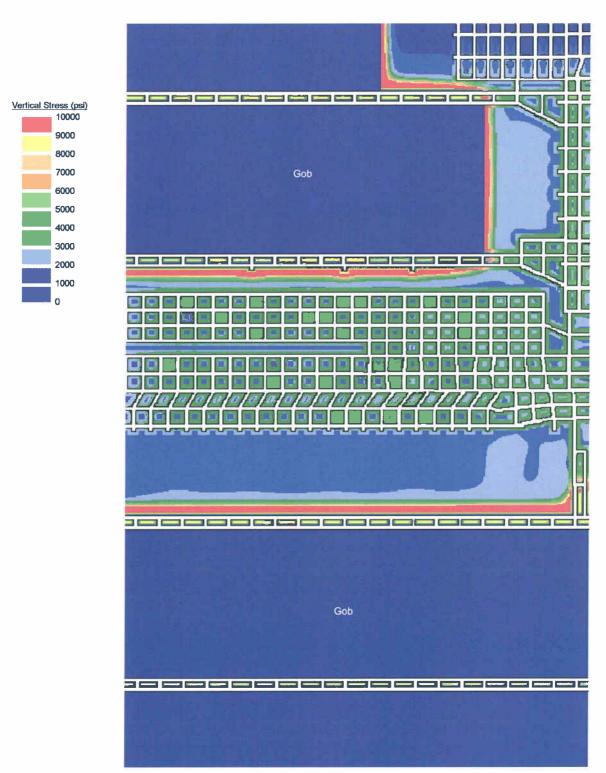


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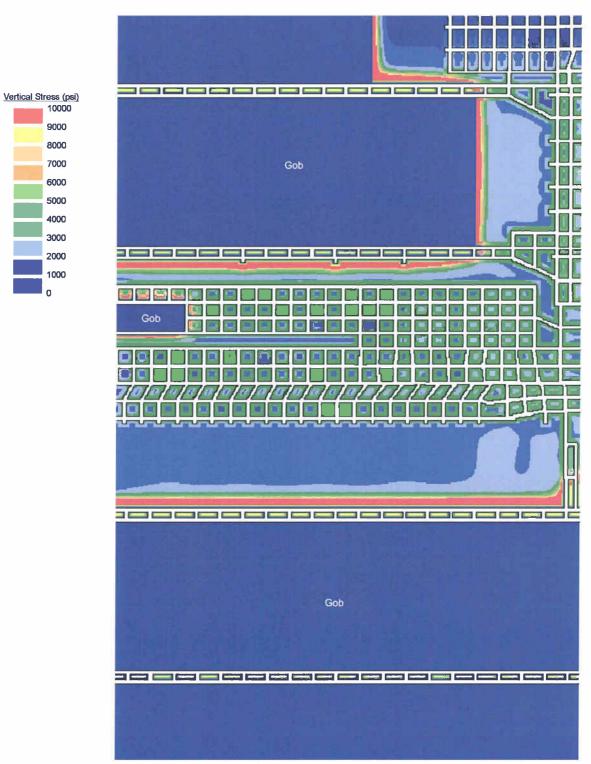


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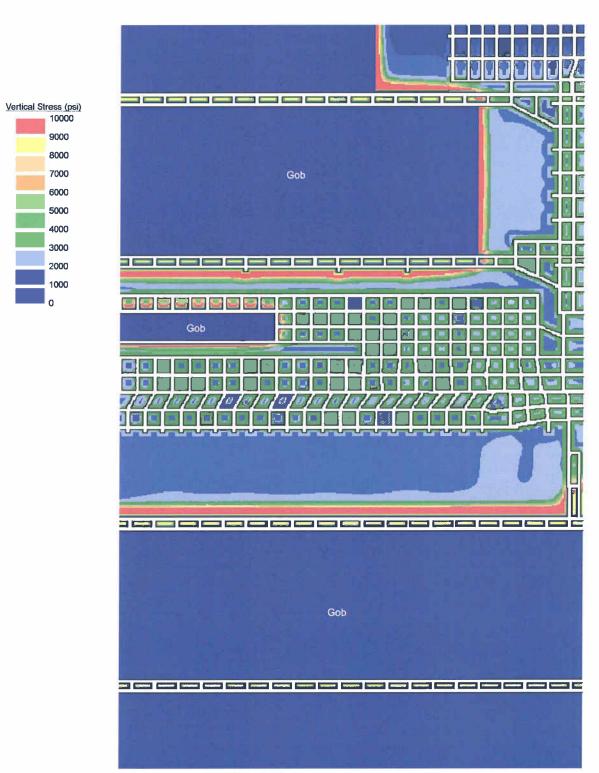
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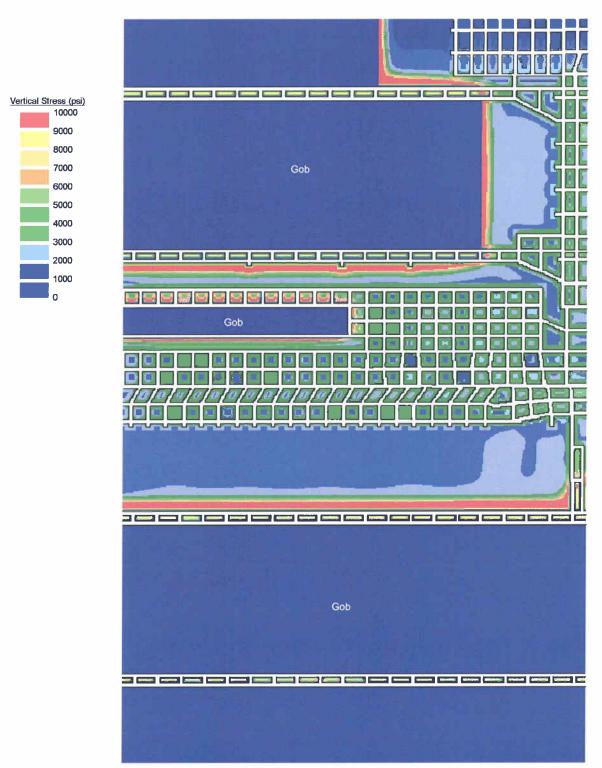
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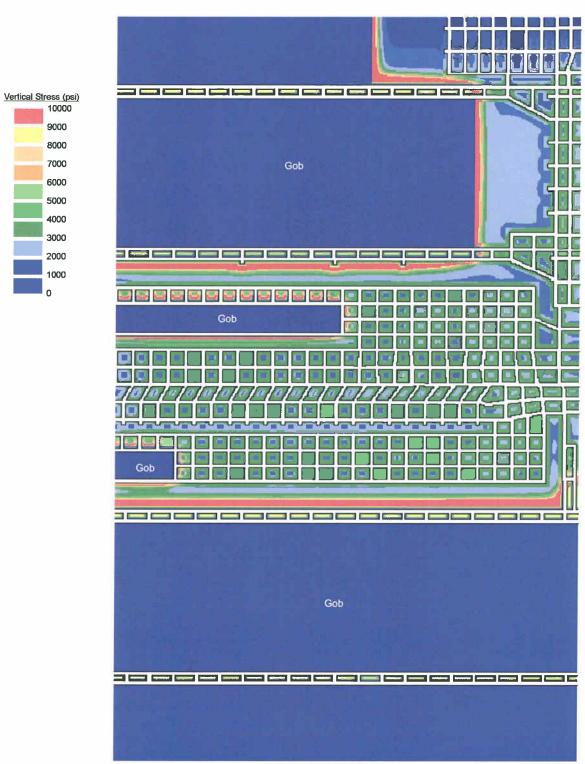
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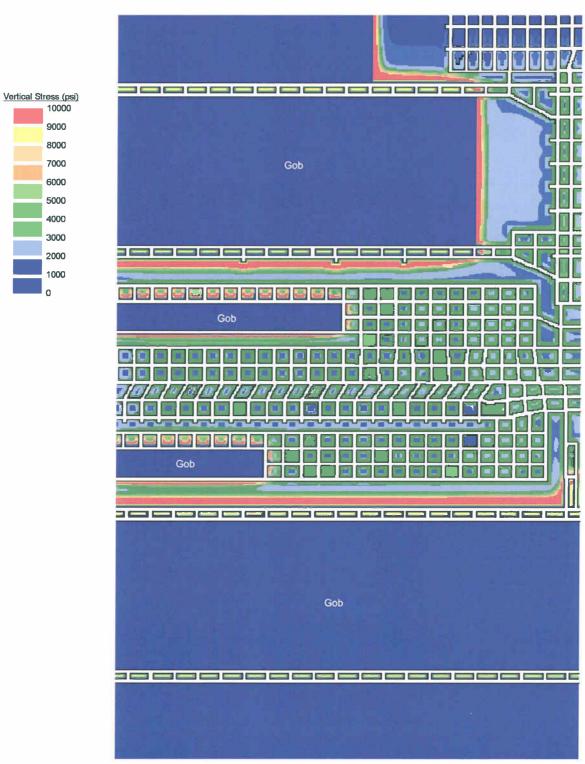
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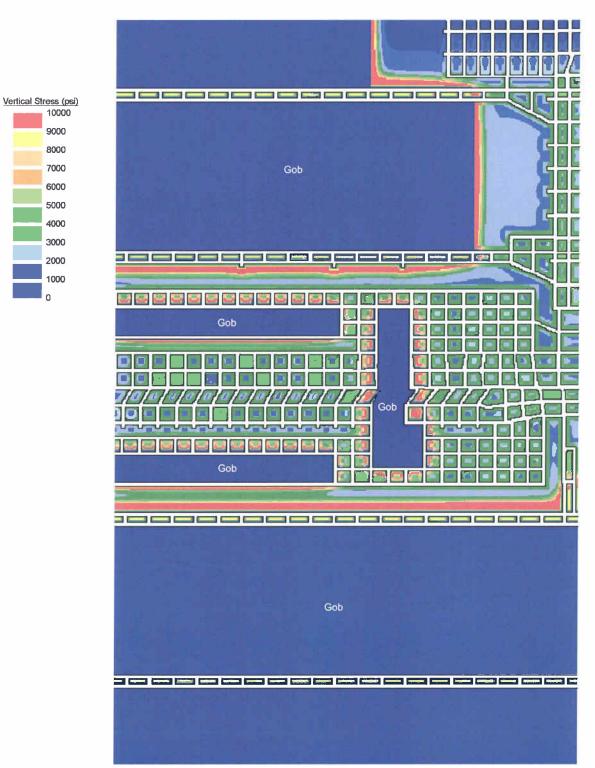
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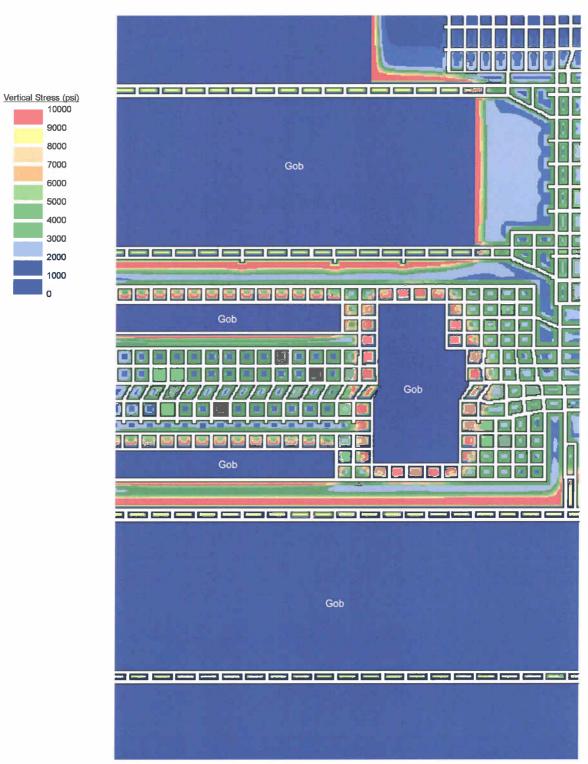
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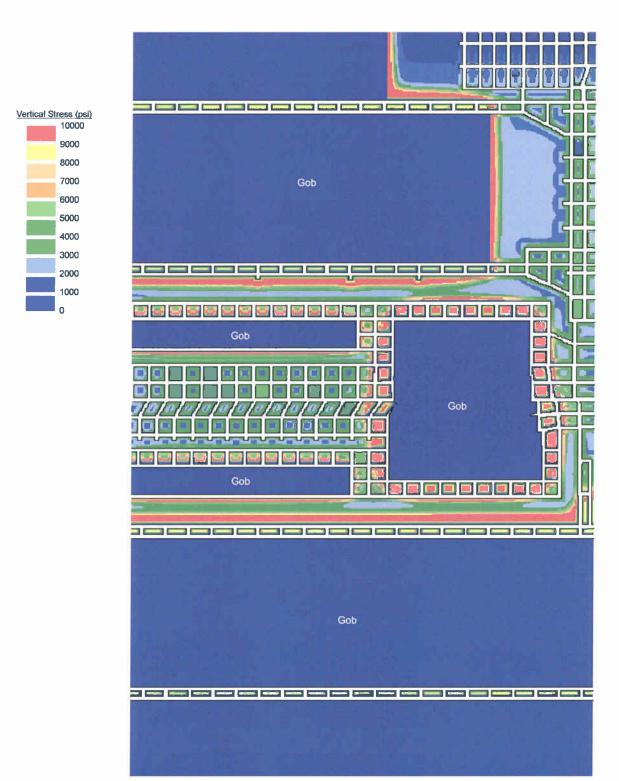


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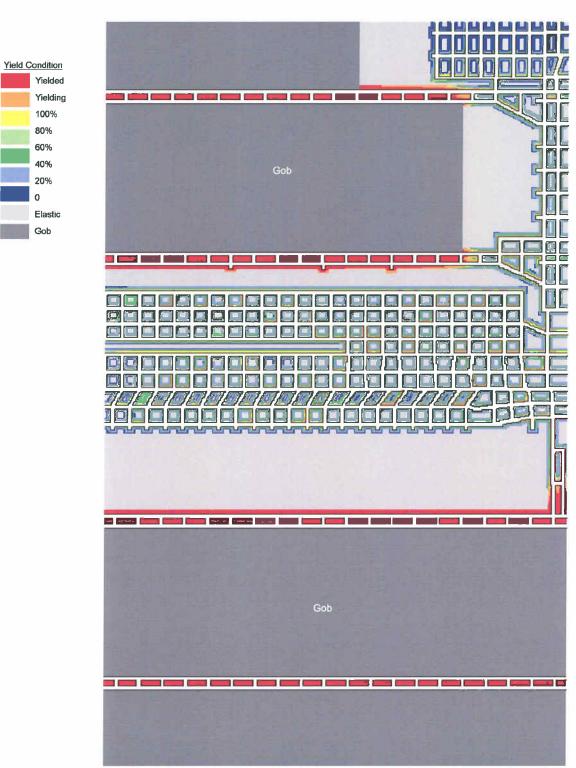


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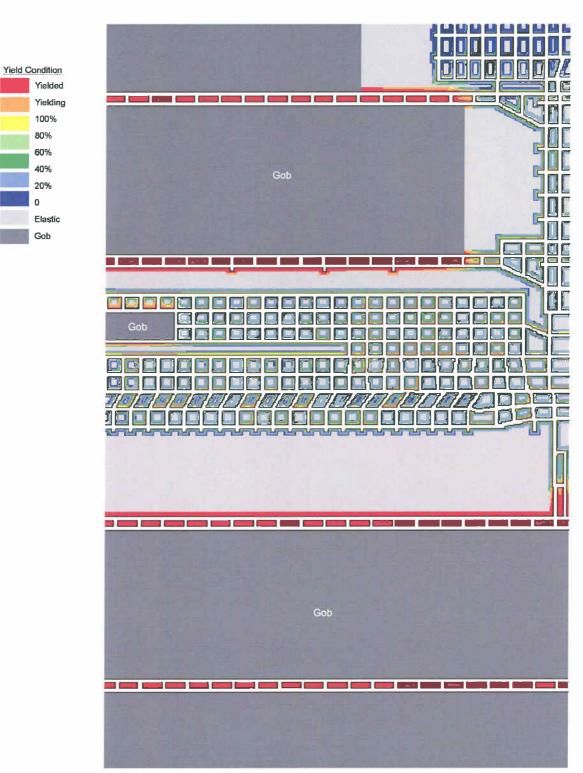
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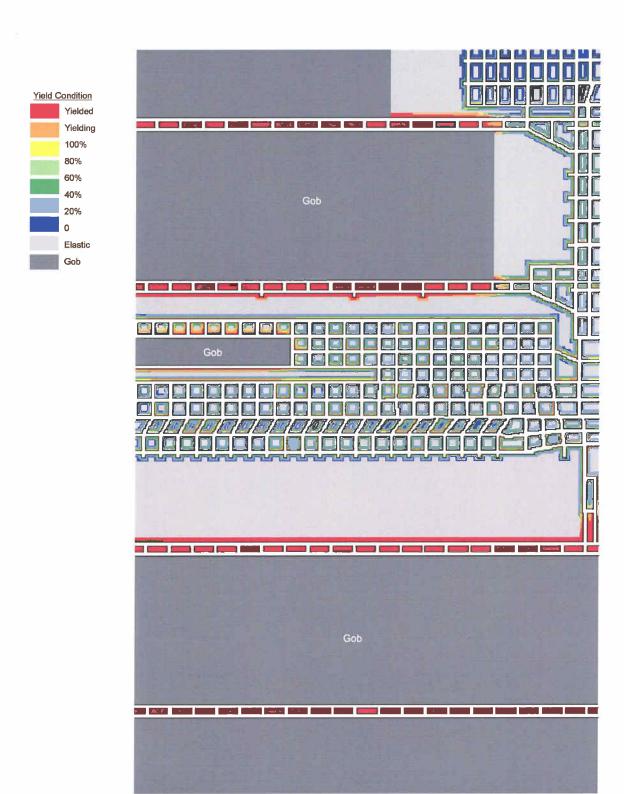
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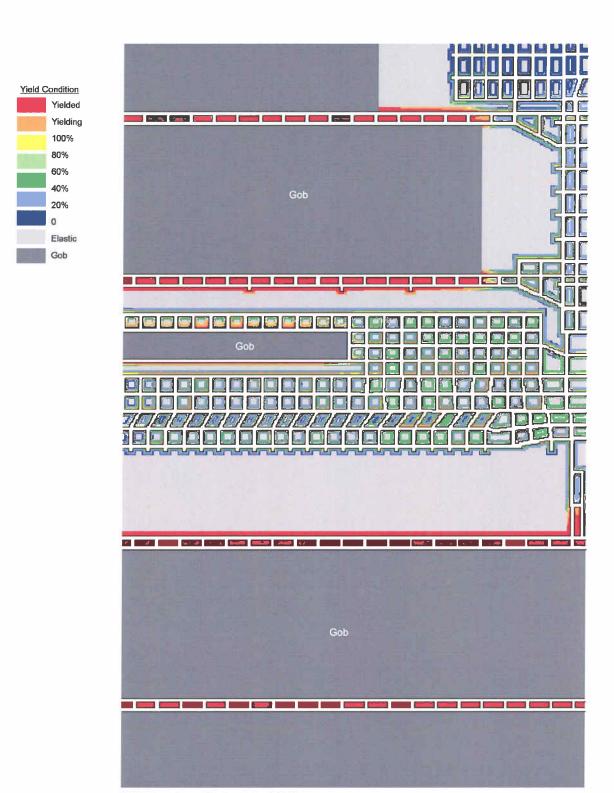
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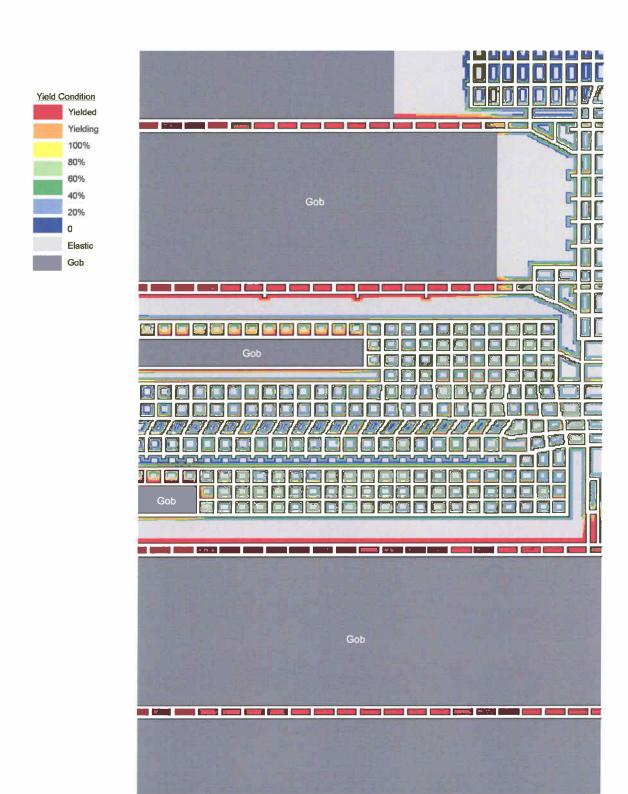
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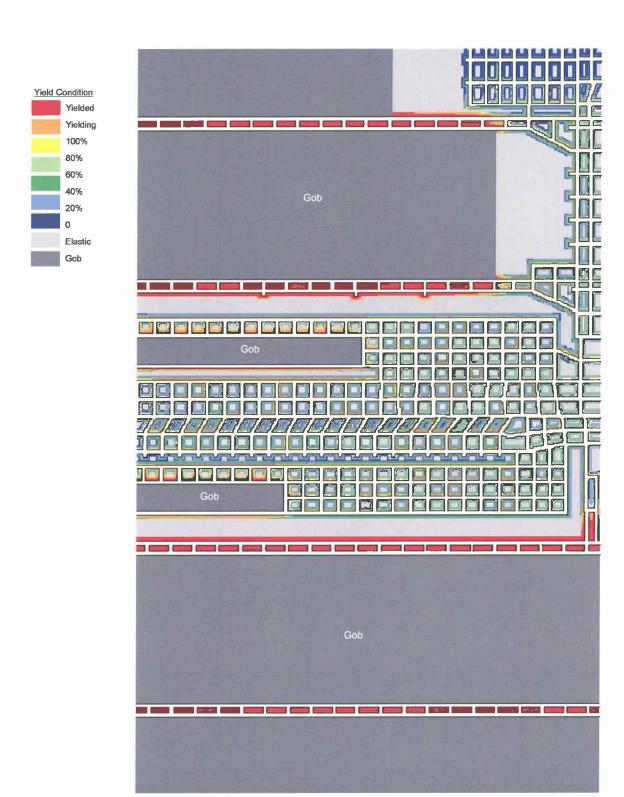
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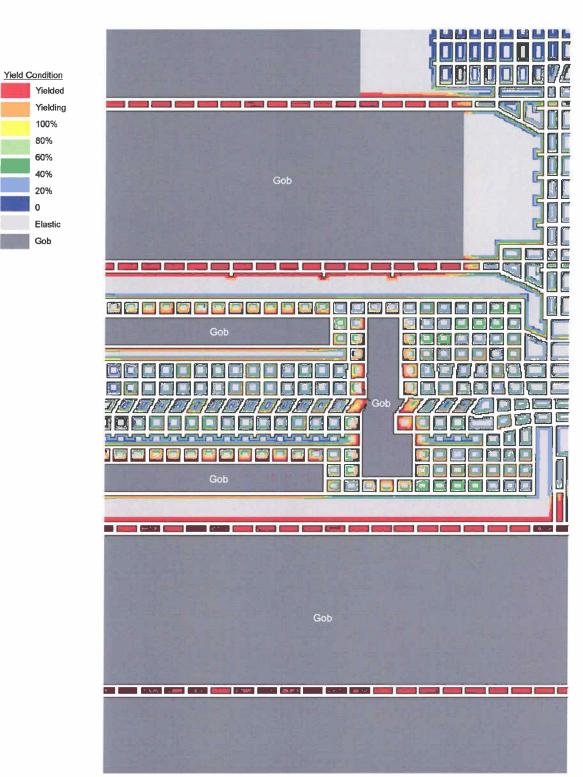
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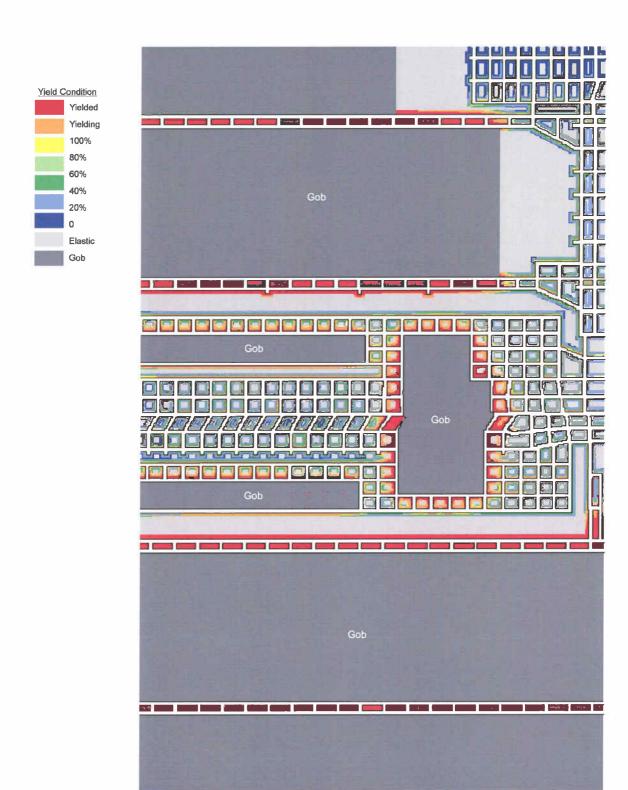
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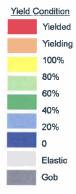
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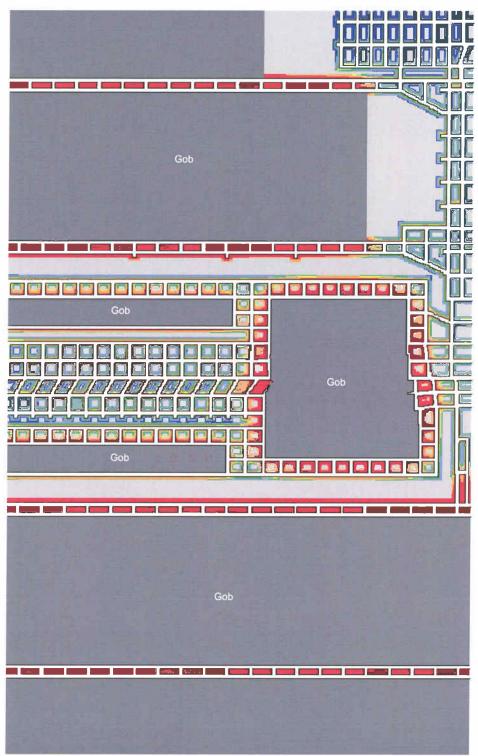


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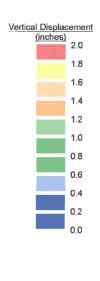


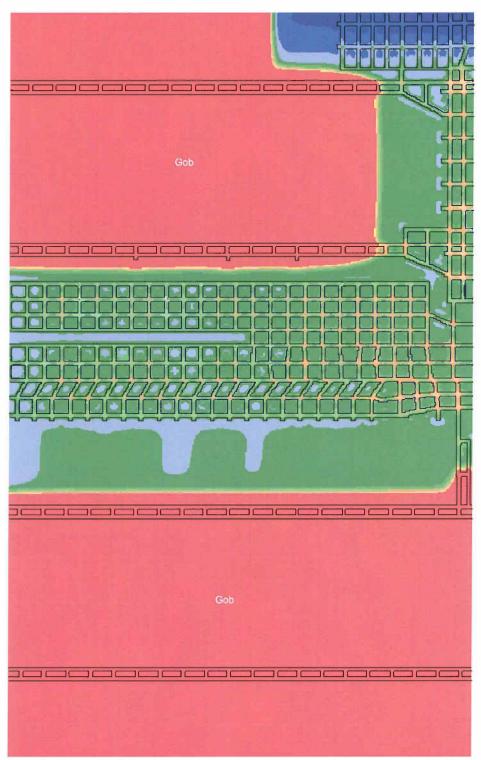
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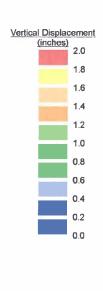


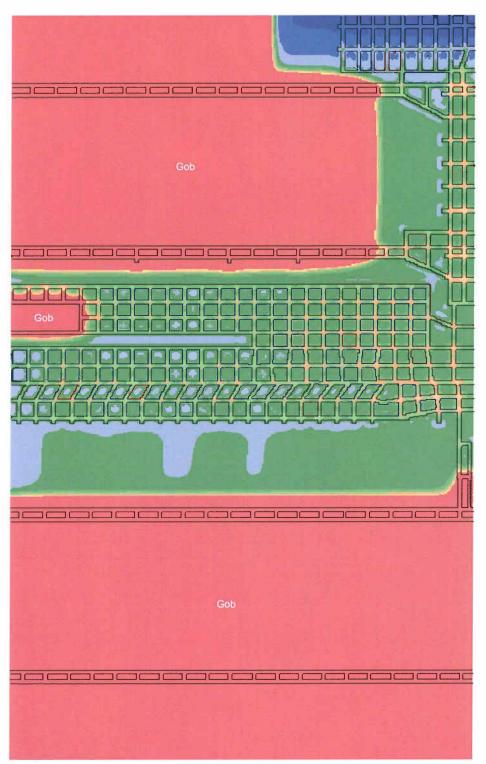
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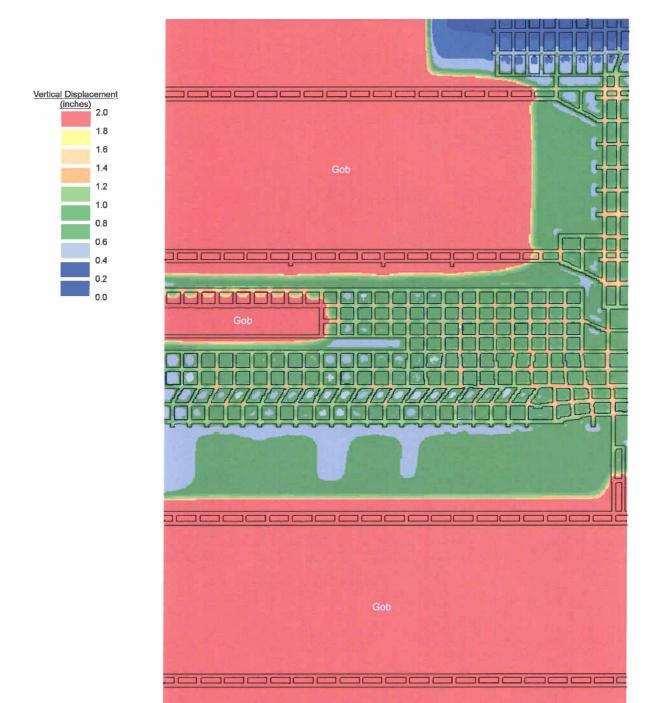


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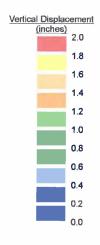


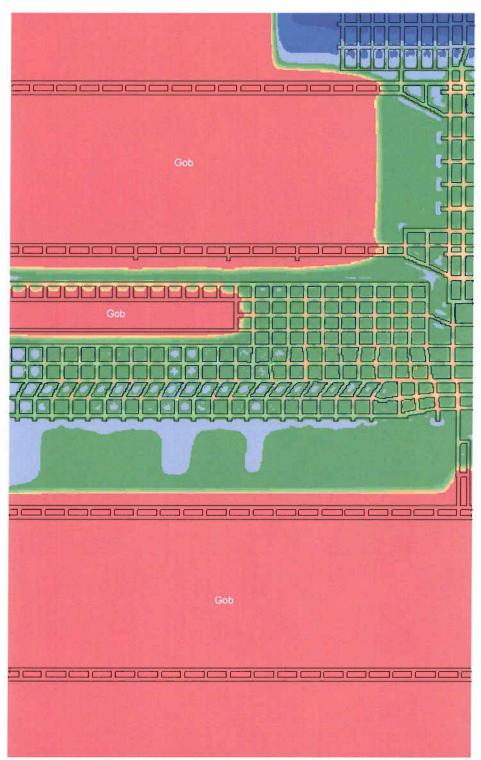


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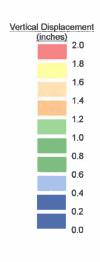


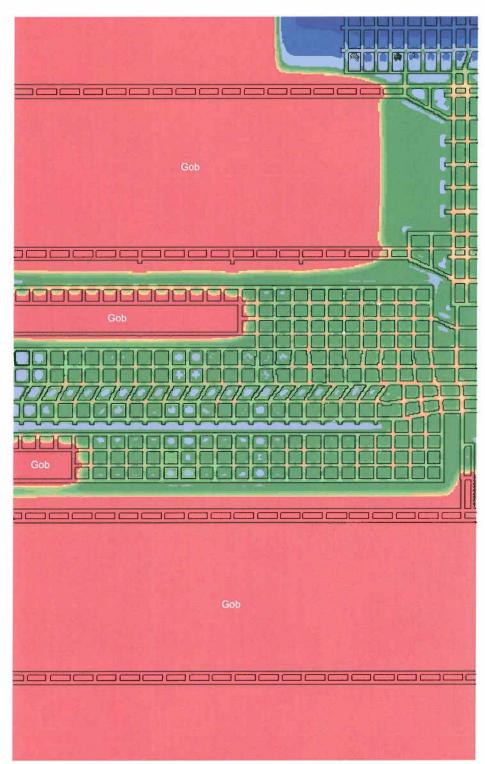
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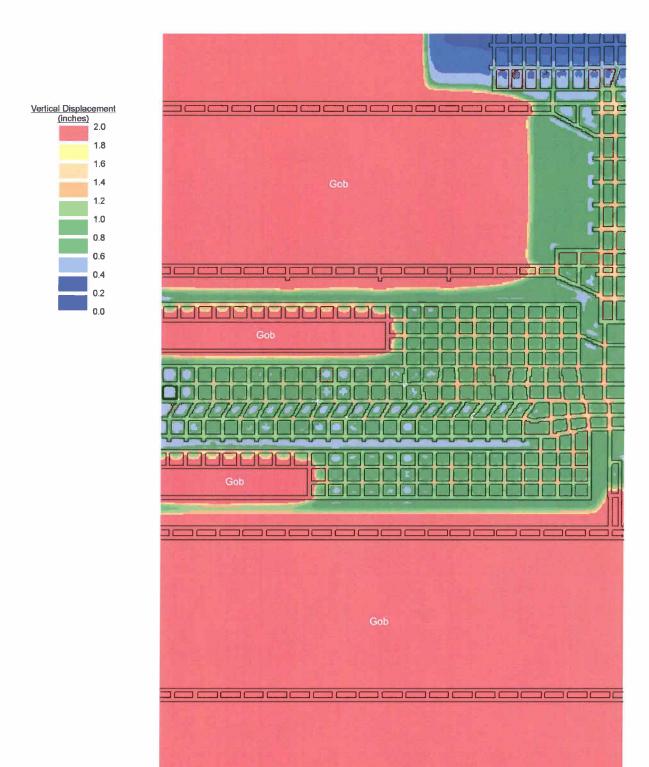


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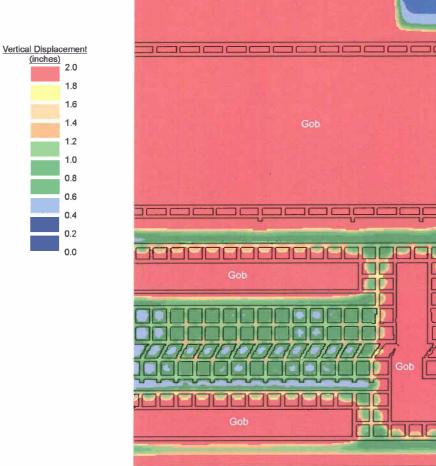


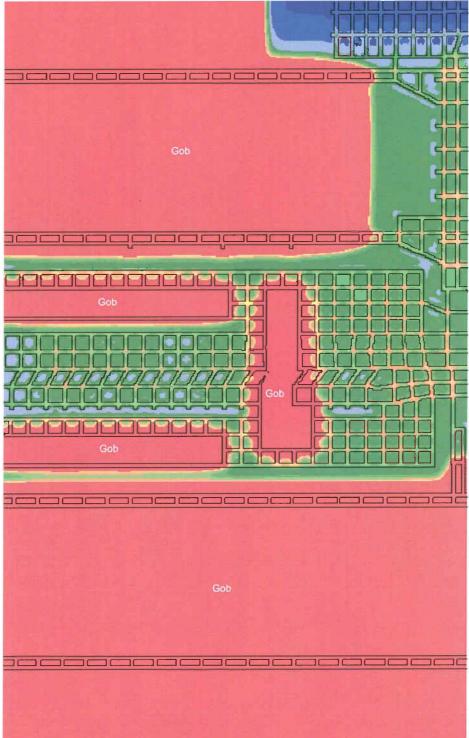


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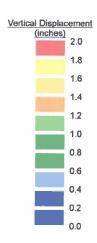


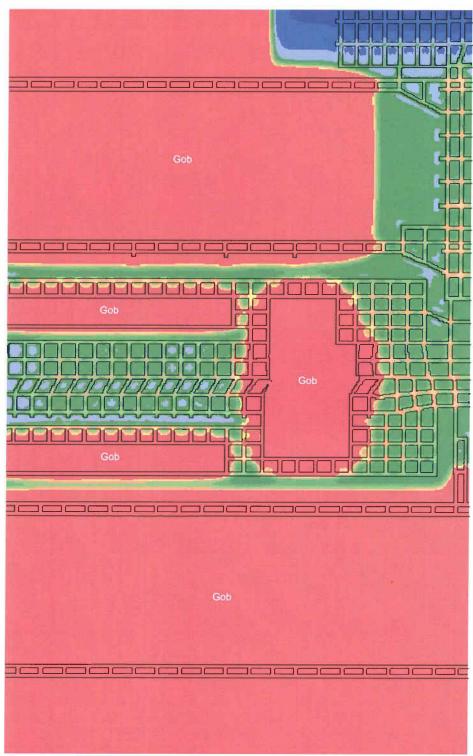
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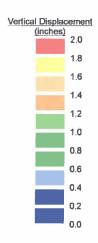


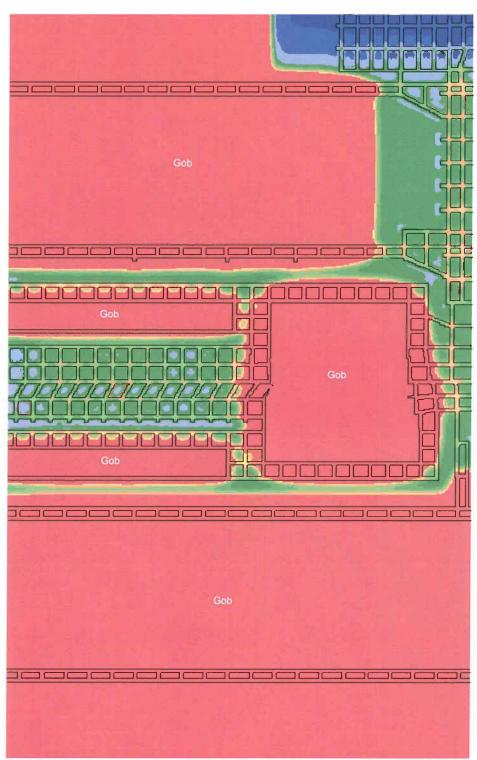
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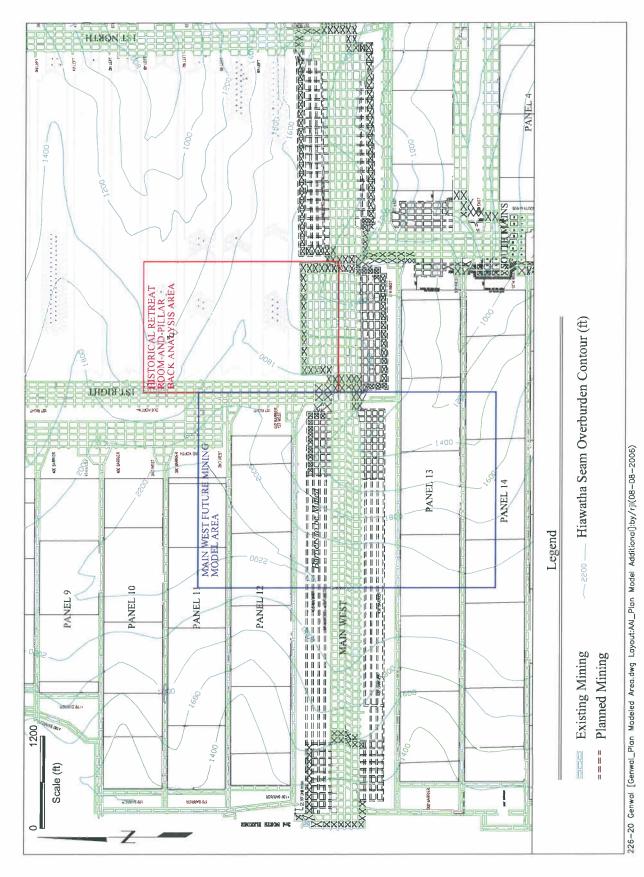


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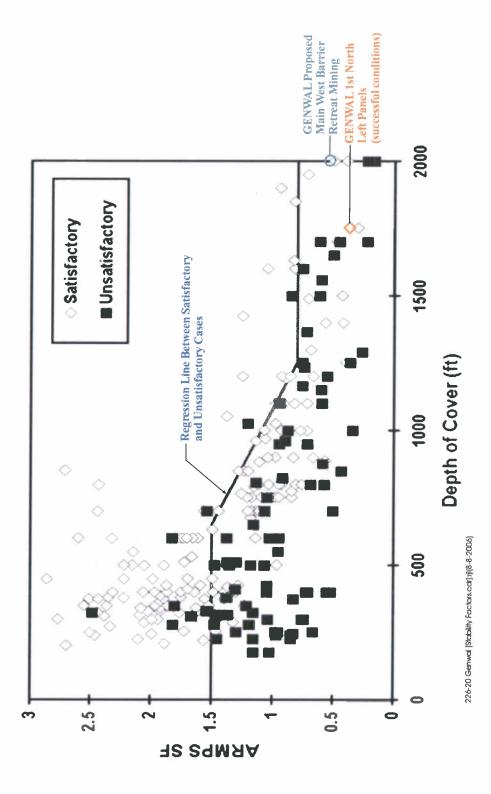
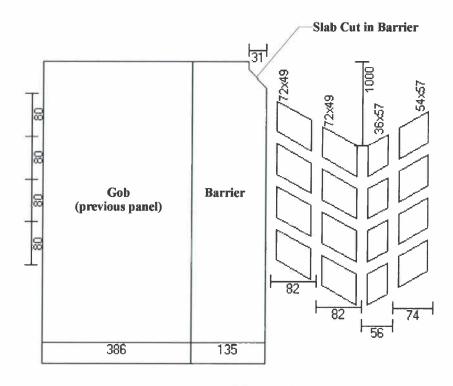
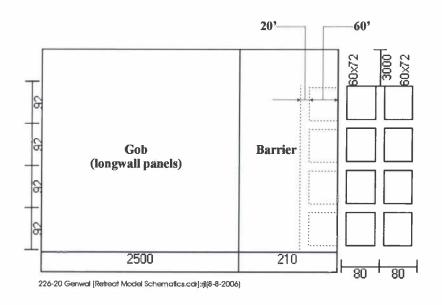


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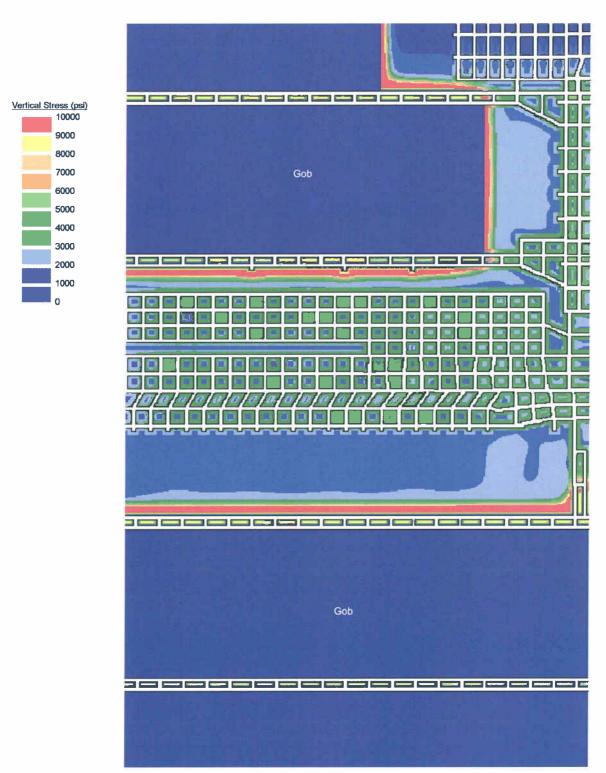


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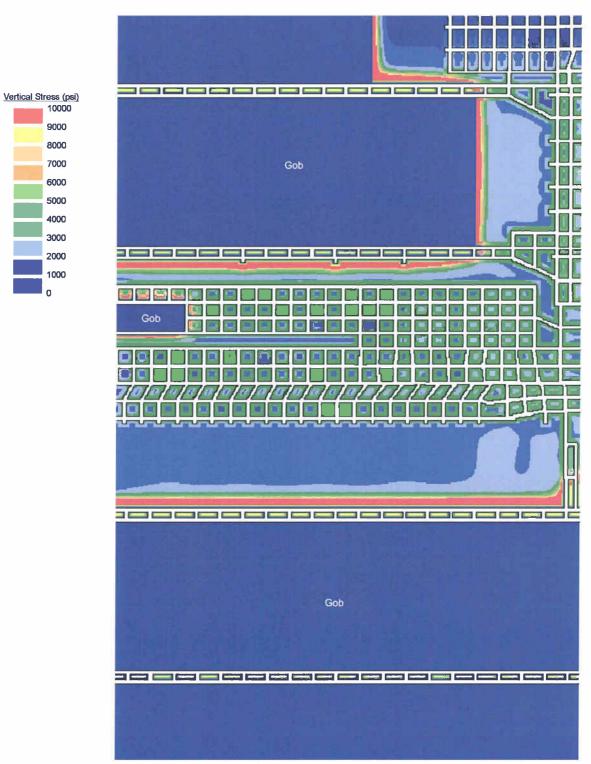


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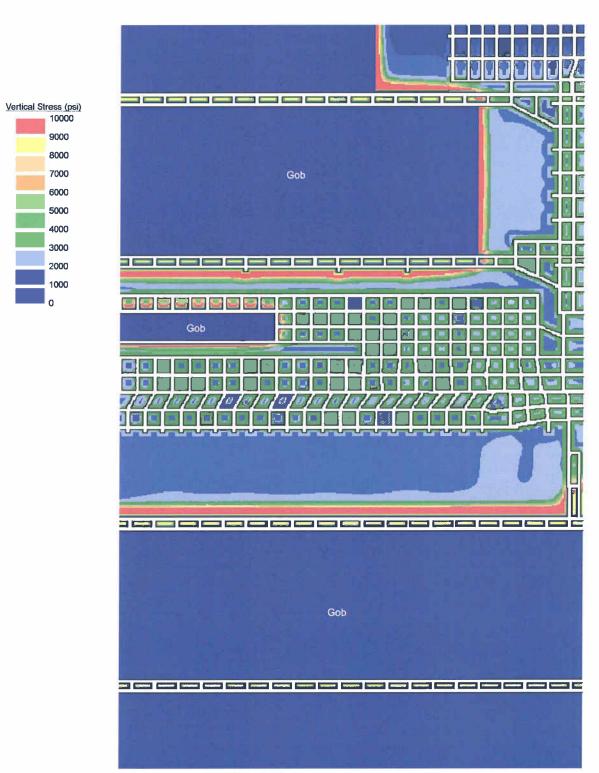
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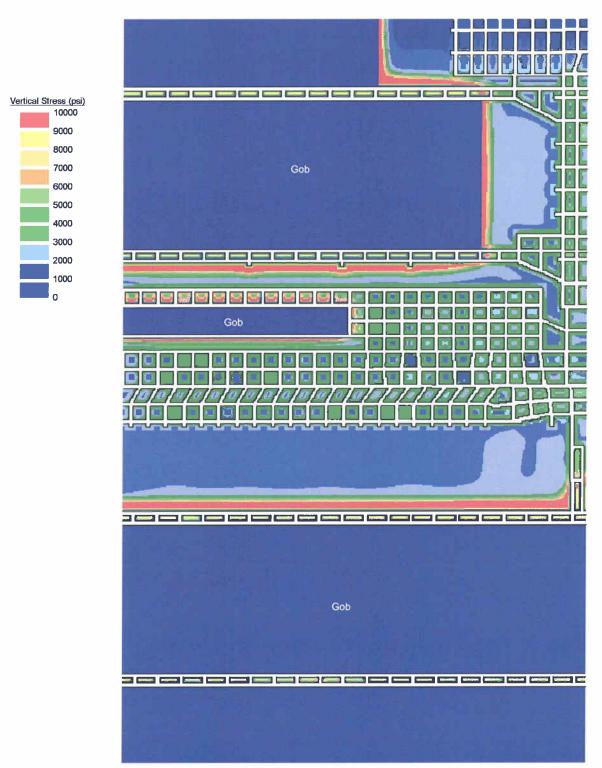
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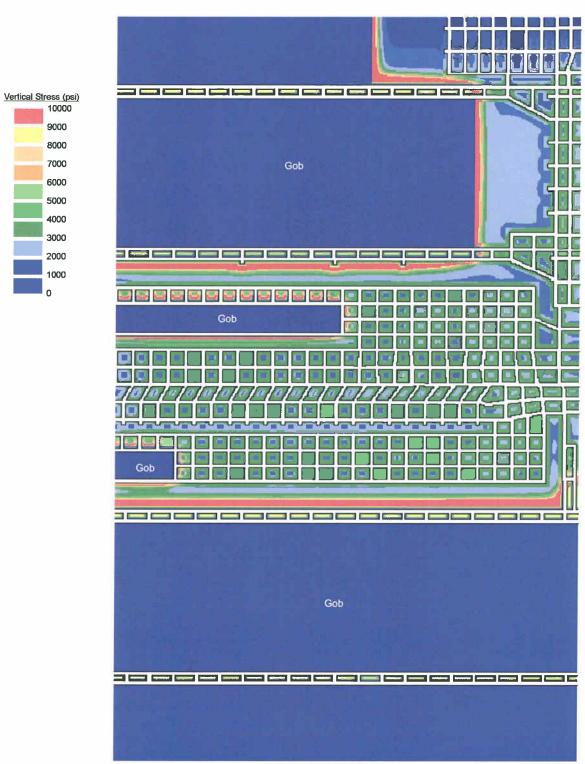
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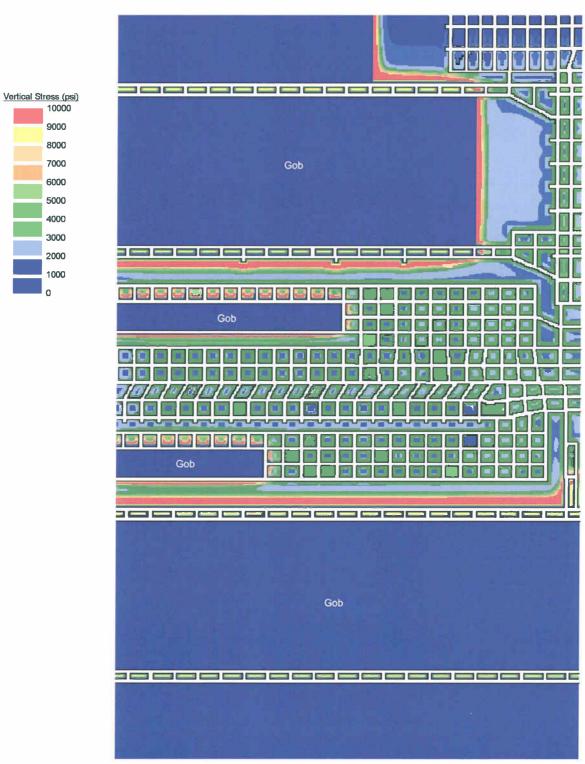
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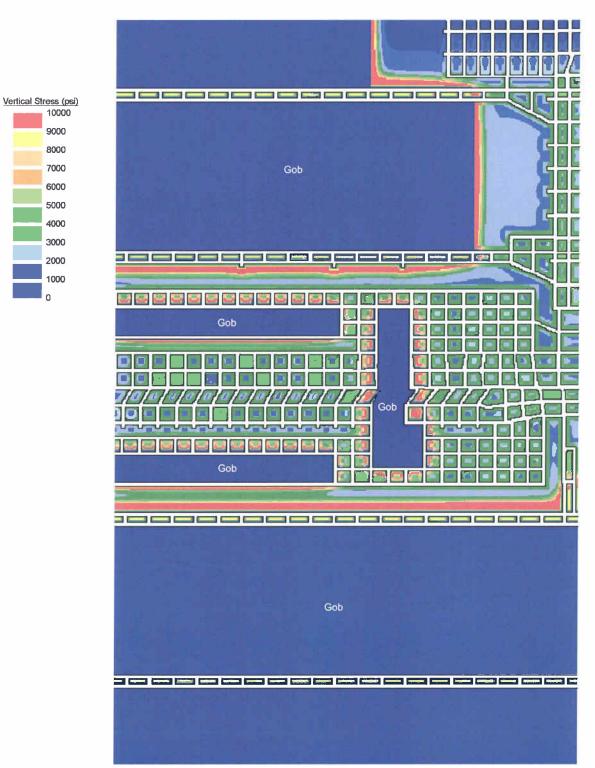
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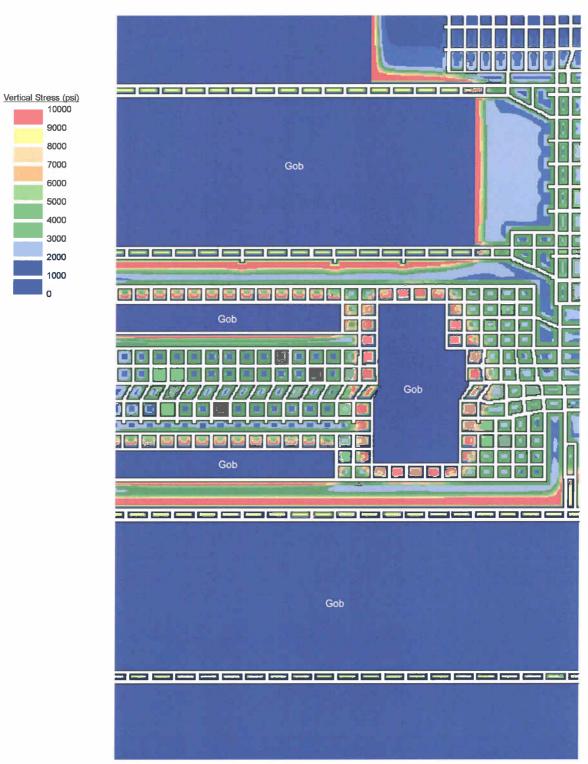
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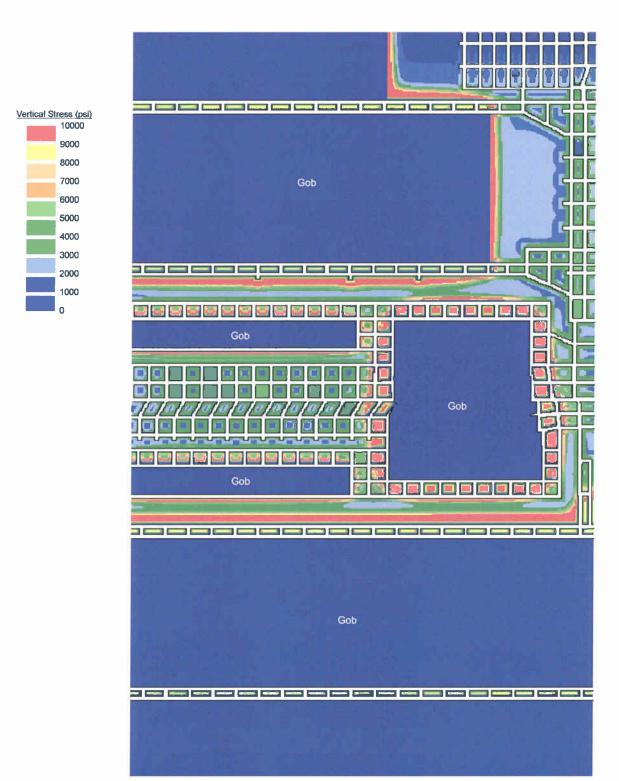


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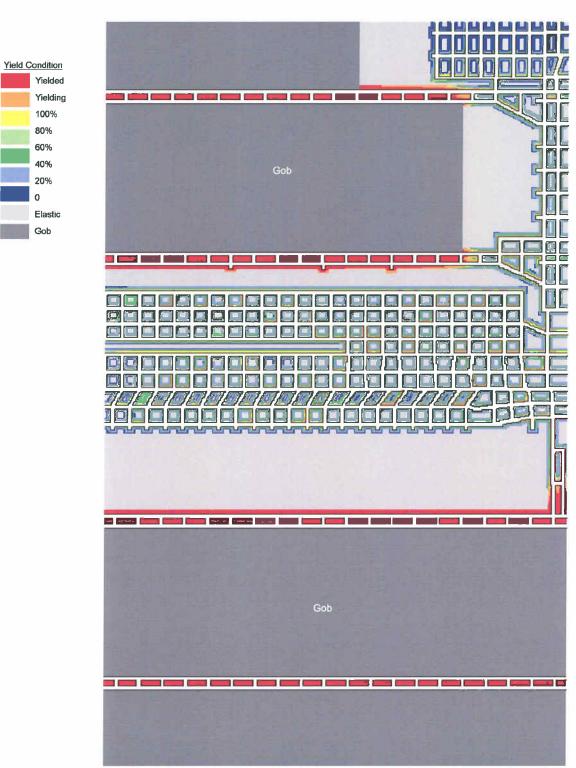


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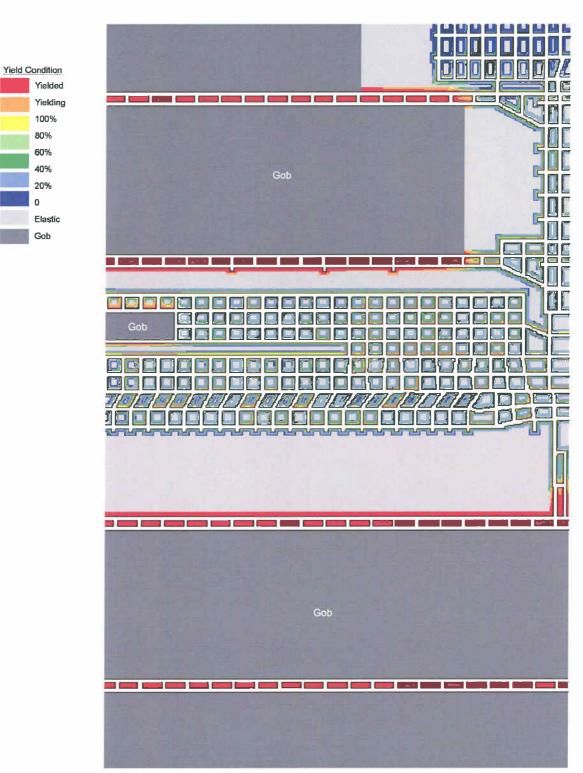
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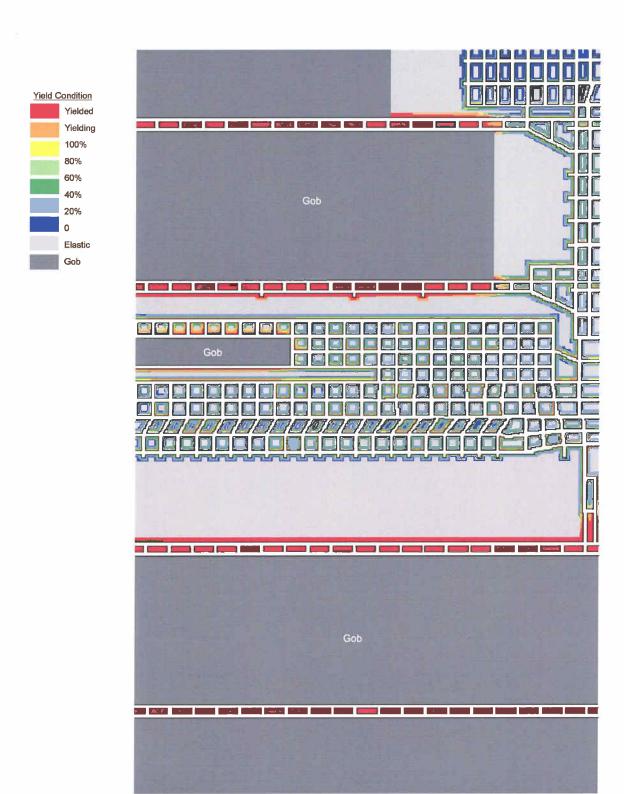
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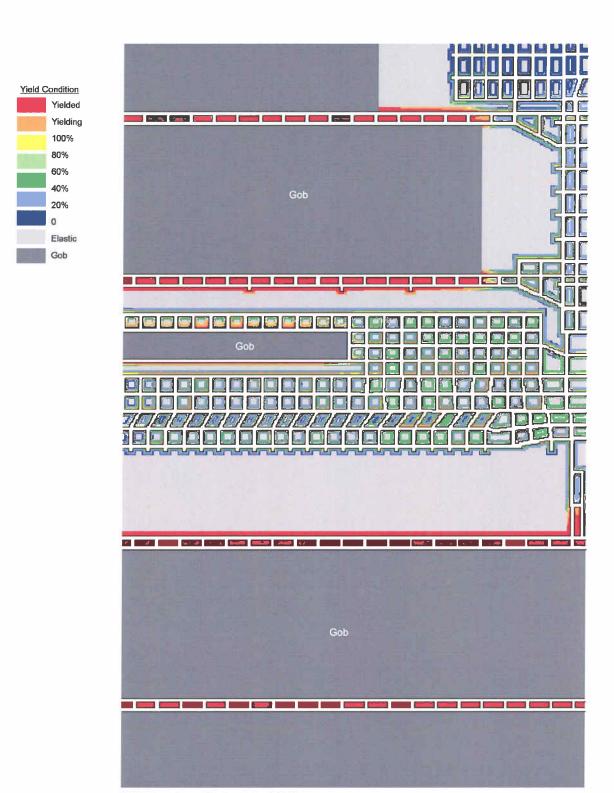
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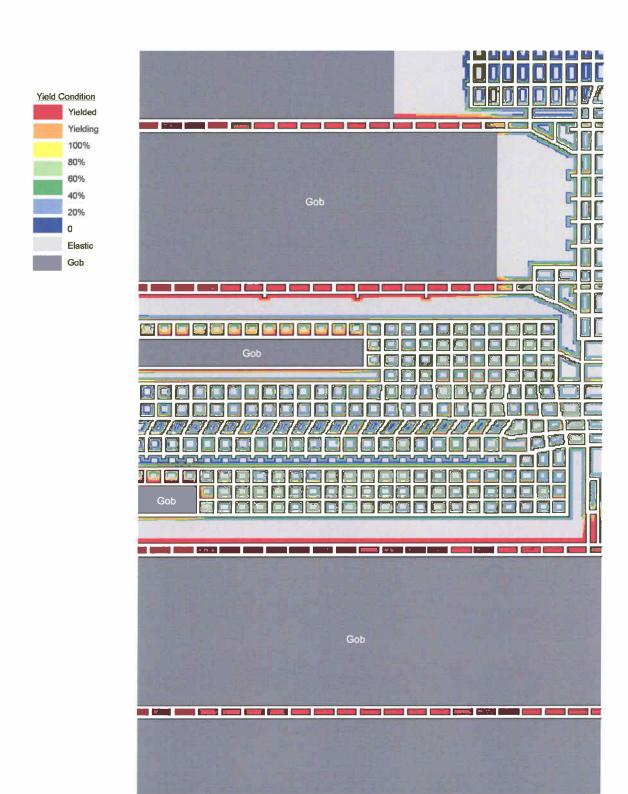
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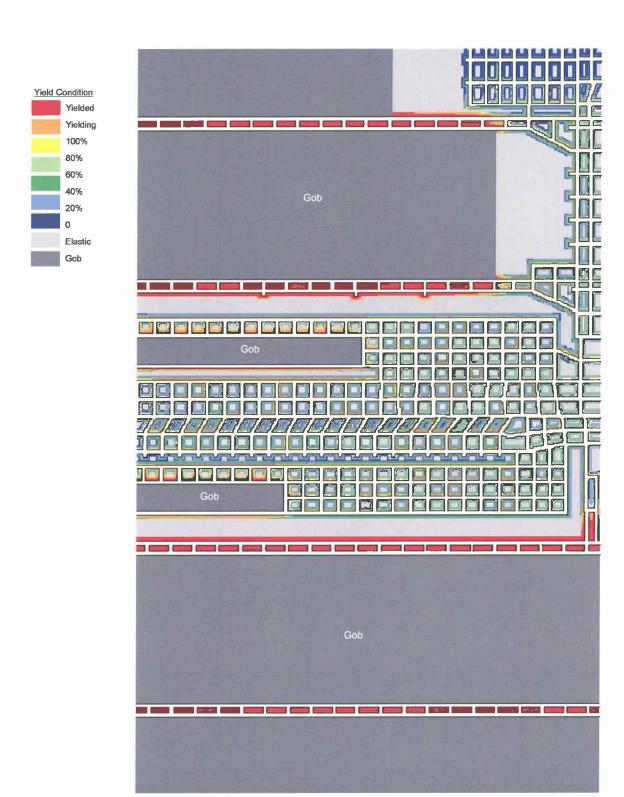
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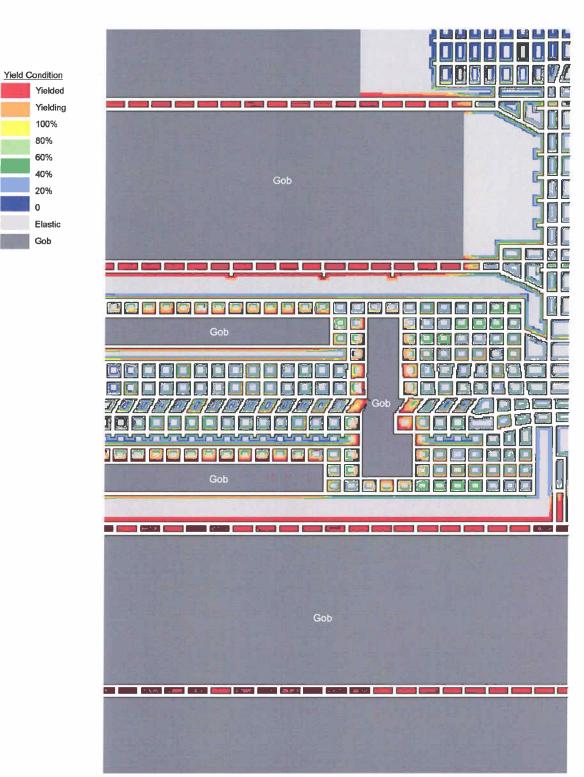
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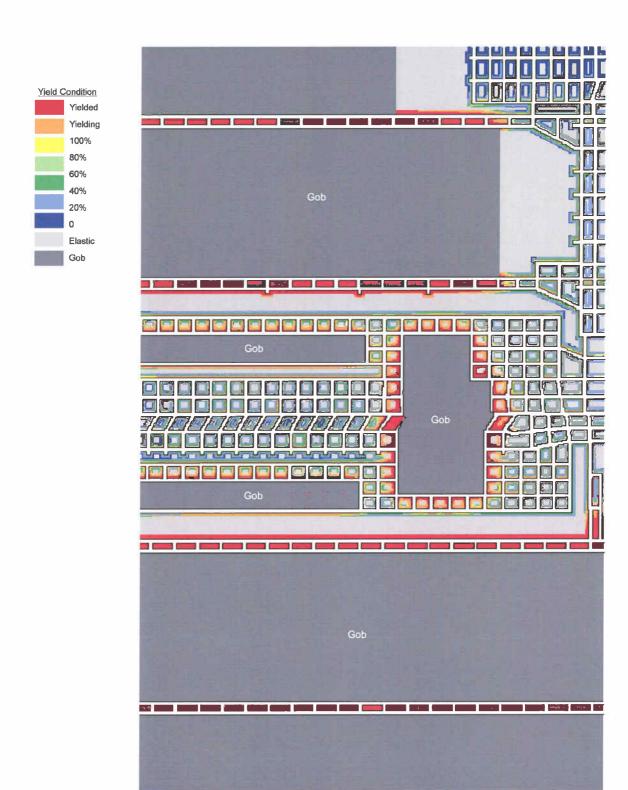
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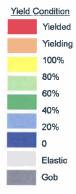
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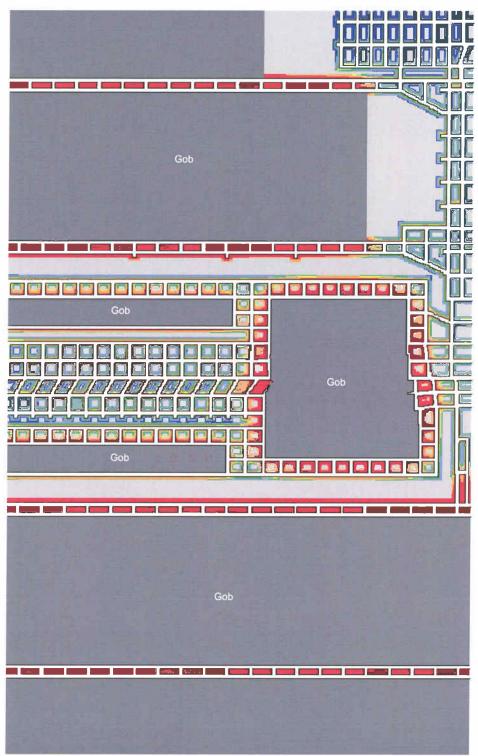


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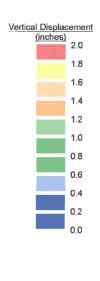


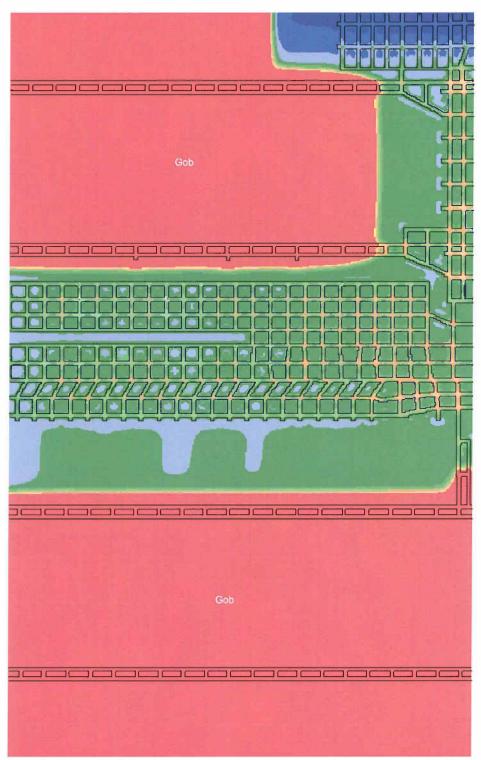
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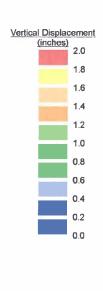


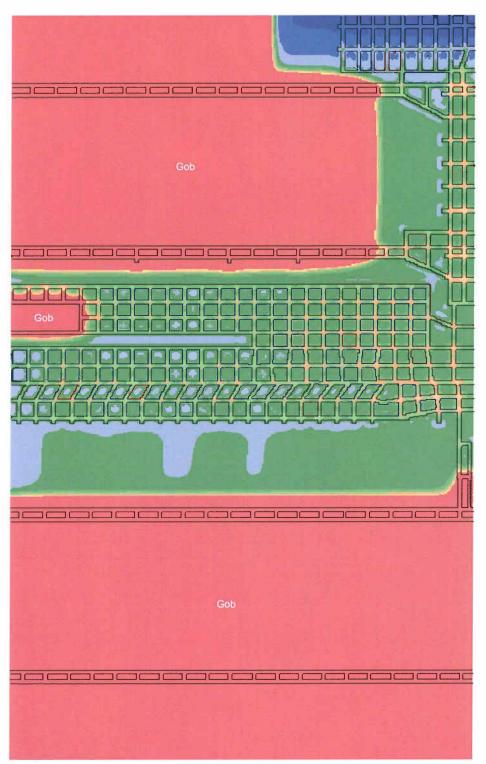
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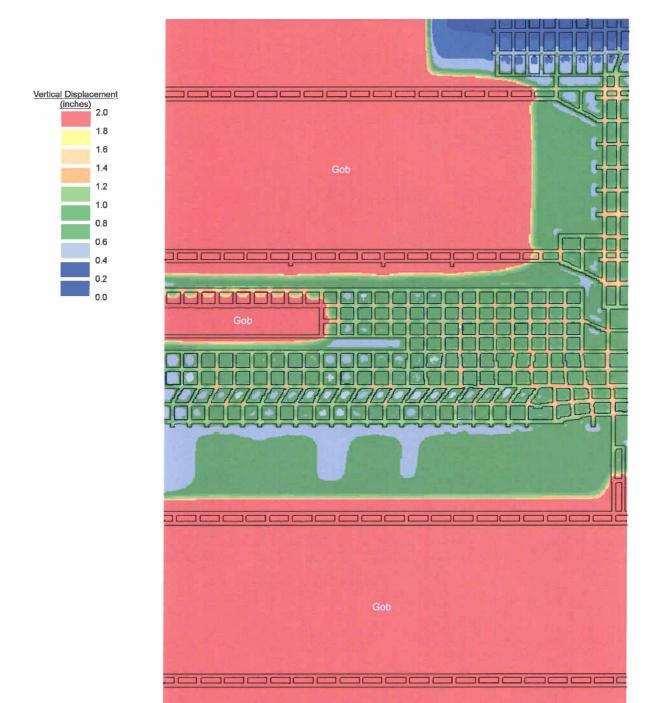


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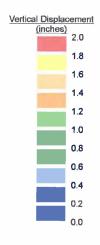


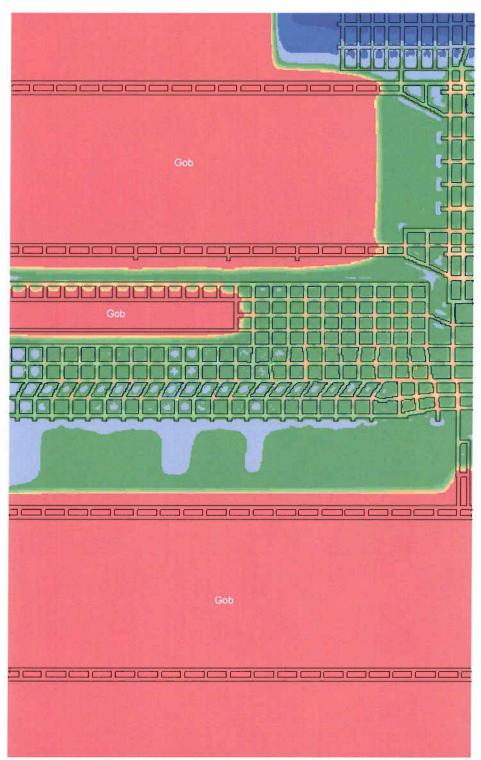


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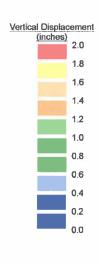


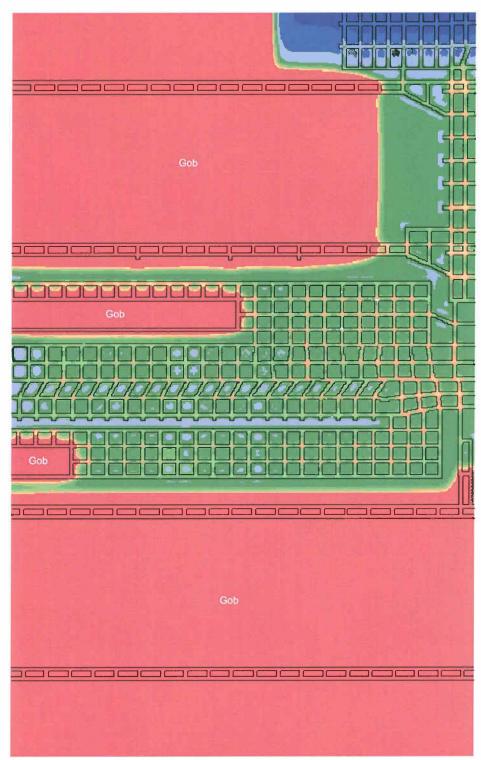
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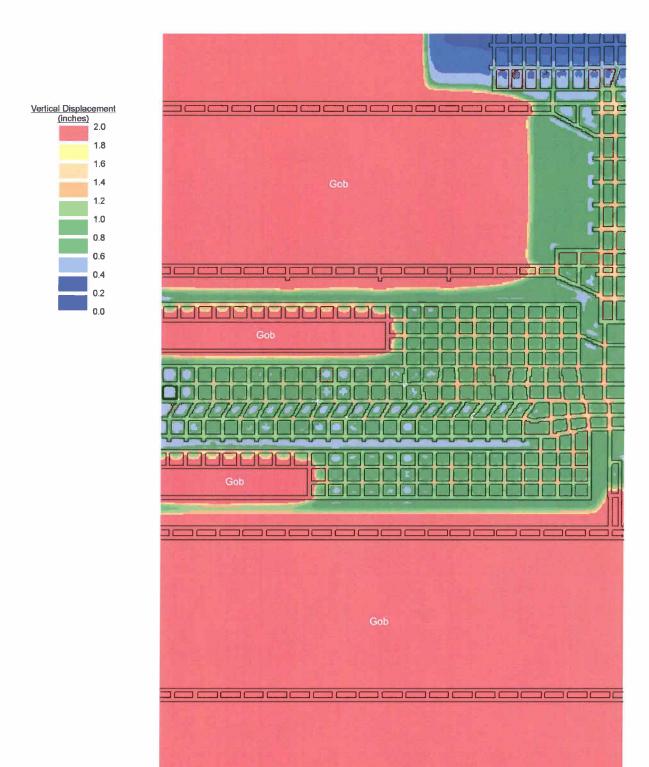


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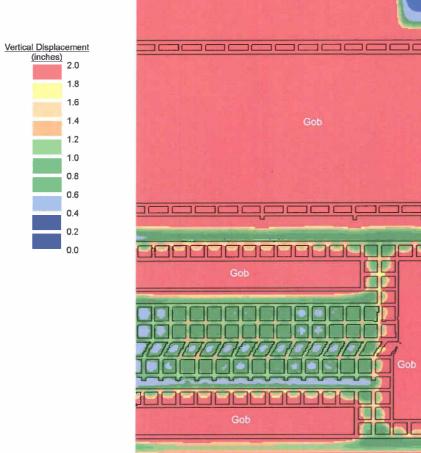


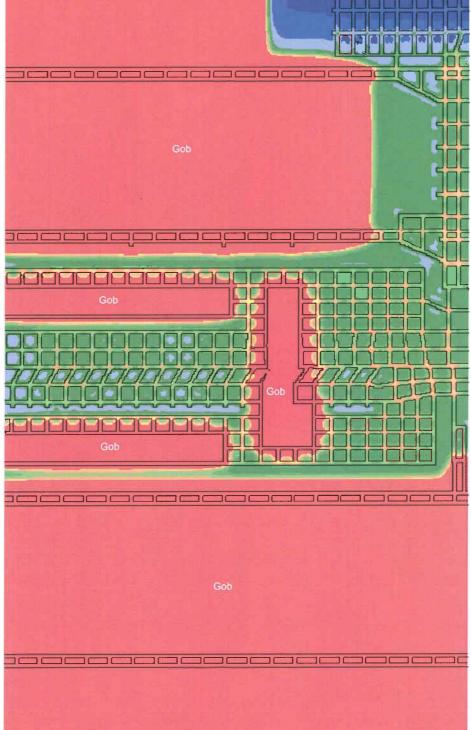


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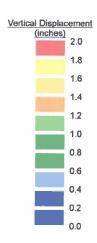


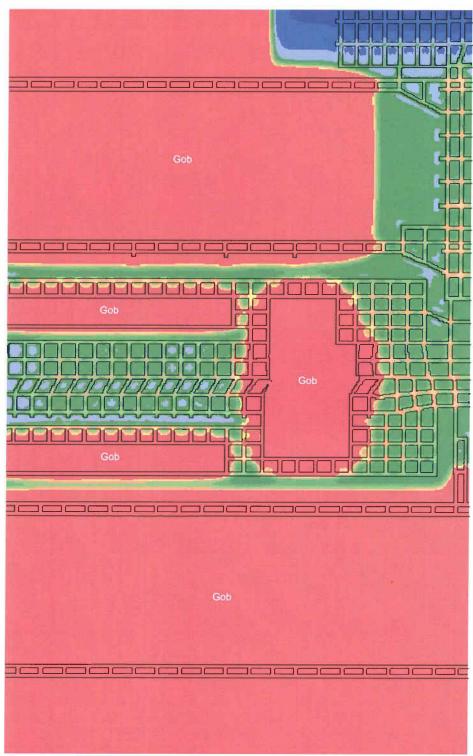
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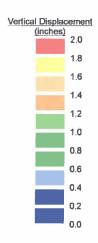


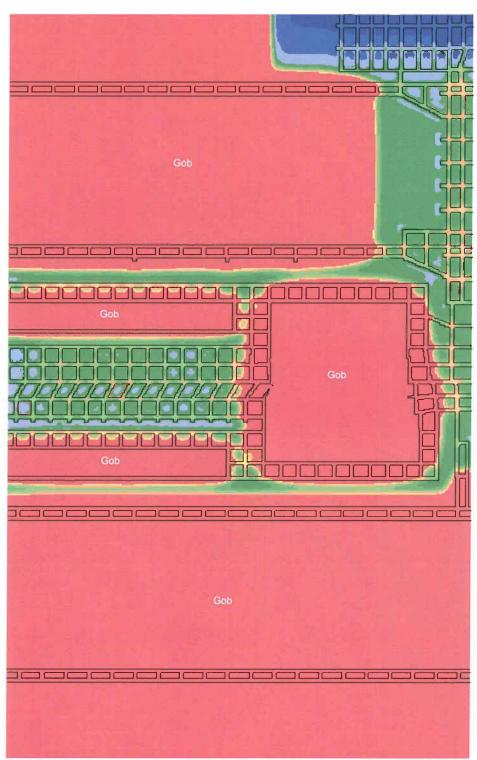
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Mr. Laine Adair GENWAL Resources, Inc. 195 North 100 West P. O. Box 1420 Huntington, UT 84528

Re: Crandall Canyon Mine Ground Condition Review for Mining in the Main West North Barrier

Dear Laine,

On December 1, 2006, Agapito Associates, Inc. (AAI), personnel, Michael Hardy, Gary Skaggs, and Bo Yu visited Crandall Canyon Mine to review the ground conditions of the room-and-pillar mining in the north barrier pillar along Main West. AAI personnel were escorted by Laine Adair.

Current plans in Main West include developing four entries in the north barrier west of the 1<sup>st</sup> Right Submains under cover ranging from approximately 1,300 ft to 2,200 ft. The mine plans were previously evaluated by AAI, 1,2 and the proposed mine plan with 60-ft by 72-ft (ribto-rib) pillars was judged to be adequate for short-term recovery mining in the barriers.

At the time of our visit, four entries with 60-ft by 72-ft (rib-to-rib) pillars were developed in the Main West north barrier to Crosscut 123, where the depth of cover was almost 2,000 ft (See Figure 1). Entry widths were cut at 17 ft and were about 20 ft wide at pillar mid-height. Roof support included systematic bolting and rib-to-rib meshing. To the north and south of the mining area, 130-ft and 60-ft barriers were left, respectively, for the purpose of protection.

Good to excellent ground conditions were observed at all locations visited. Stable roof, floor, and ribs with only minor rib sloughage were observed in the recently mined areas in the

Agapito Associates, Inc. (2006), "DRAFT—GEWNALL Crandall Canyon Mine Main West Barrier Mining Evaluation," prepared for Andalex Resources, Inc., July 20.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Agapito Associates, Inc. (2006), "(226-30) GENWAL Main West Retreat Analysis—Preliminary Results," E-mail from Leo Gilbride to Laine Adair, August 9.

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West Main barrier. Photo 1 shows only minor rib sloughing at Crosscut 123 in the entry immediately north of the West Mains. Photo 2 shows the second entry below longwall Panel 12 with minor sloughing at the rib between Crosscut 122 and Crosscut 121. The conditions of ribs along the north remnant barriers were good and consistent as shown in Photo 3. The rib was mildly yielded, but showed no evidence of blowouts, indicating that the 130-ft-wide remnant barrier pillar is wide enough to accommodate the load transfer from Panel 12 for short-term mining. The abutment load is expected to have alleviated since the time that Panel 12 was retreated in 1999 due to ground settlement and subsidence.

In summary, current ground conditions in Main West agree with our previous analysis. Roof, floor, and rib conditions were consistent with analytical predictions. There was no indication of problematic pillar yielding or roof problems that might indicate higher-than-predicted abutment loads. Conditions should continue to be carefully observed as mining progresses to the west under deeper cover.

We appreciate the opportunity to visit this area and directly observe ground conditions in the West Mains barrier. Please contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attachments(4): Figure 1

Photos 1–3

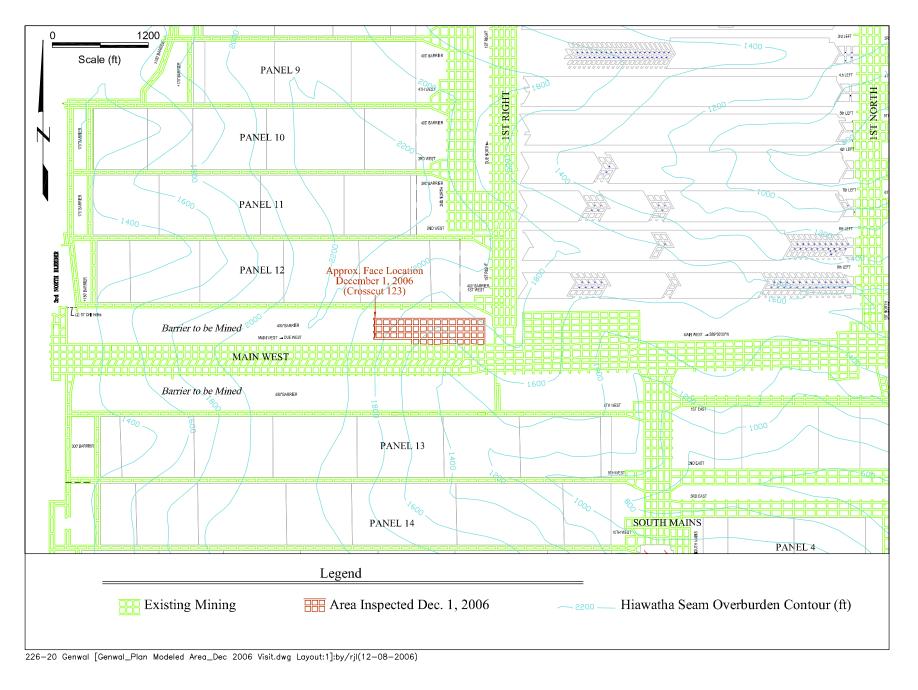


Figure 1. Main West Location Map Showing Extent of Main West North Barrier Mining at Time of Dec 1, 2006 Visit

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Photo 1. Rib Sloughing Near Crosscut 123 in the Entry North to the South Remnant Barrier Pillar

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Photo 2. Minor Rib Sloughing at Crosscut 122 in the Second Entry from North Remnant Pillar

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Photo 3. North Remnant Barrier Pillar Rib Condition Between Crosscuts 120 and 119