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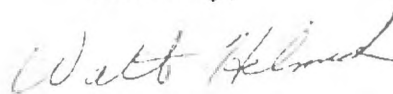
Sam Tarr, CDC
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Dear Sir:

I offer this communication as support for the proposed development of a replacement underground safety research program in Mace, West Virginia.

In my research of the draft environmental impact statement, I believe it to be a site that will provide meaningful research for the safety of workers involved in underground activities. The impact statement clarifies that development can occur with minimal environmental impact.

Sincerely,



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