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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION

February 11, 2015

Mr. David Martino
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
425 I Street Northwest
Suite 6W.417C
Washington, DC 20001

RE: US Department of Veterans Affairs
National Cemetery of the Alleghenies Phase II Expansion
Incidental Coal Extraction Authorization
Cecil Township
Washington County

Dear Sir:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has reviewed your proposal, dated January 13, 2015, for the removal of incidental coal during site excavation and preparation activities at the above-referenced construction project. This proposal was submitted by The LA Group on your behalf.

Your request for approval of incidental coal extraction (ICE) is approved since it meets the requirements of Chapters 86.6(a)(3) and (4) of the mining regulations. The ICE should be conducted in accordance with the plans that were submitted to the Department for review and approval.

Please provide the Department with written notification of the volume of coal removed and the fate of the coal at the conclusion of coal removal activities.

The Department reserves the right to conduct inspections of your project area and to initiate enforcement action for failure to comply with any applicable Department regulations. The Mine Conservation Inspector for your project is Jeffrey T. Kohut. Please contact Mr. Kohut at (814) 242-5971 prior to the commencement of coal removal activities.

Should you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Richard H. Palmer at 724-925-5520.

Sincerely,


Joseph F. Leone, P.E.

District Mining Manager
District Mining Operations

cc: Douglas B. Heller, PE – The LA Group (40 Long Alley, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866)