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WEST VIRGINIA STRIP MINING

Public Hearing held by: WV Dept. of Energy

June 29, 1988

SPEAKER: Sandra Miller

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Public Hearing held by W.Va. Department of Energy in Lincoln Co., West Virginia on June 28, 1988 regarding an application by Black Gold Coal Co. and Mountain Black Diamond Coal Co., to strip mine at Six Mile Creek in Lincoln County.

Statement by Sandra Miller:

My name is Sandra Miller. I'm here this evening to represent my family the people of Six Mile Creek Road. We the people of Six Mile Creek are opposed to the proposed strip mining operation permit application. We feel that the proposed mine will be a danger to the people. We feel that it will cause health problems, water pollution in area wells, which people get their drinking water from; we fear that they will be contaminated. Blasting will be hazardous to area residents, shaking our windows, and the foundation of our homes. We feel the proposed mining will disrupt the quality of life that the area residents of Six Mile are use to. We feel that the damage, which will come from this joint venture will not only have a short-term effect on the people and lands, but will have a long-term effect also. This company has already proven to the people in Lincoln County that they are not truthful and they are not a business-like company, by the name calling and the way they have presented themselves to the public. They have been cited for prospecting without a permit, and leaving lands unclaimed. We ask the people of Lincoln County who are opposed to this, and these kinds of people, to stand up with us and stop these people from coming into the county. Now, don't get me wrong; we needs jobs in Lincoln County; they promised jobs in Lincoln County, but how many people in Lincoln County do you think will get a job on a small strip mine as this? Just think about it, people. Think of the long-term effect. It's good that we have the opportunity for businesses like these to come into the county, but stop and think of the kind of people that you want in there to do this kind of

work. We want honest people that will do the work in a legitimate way. Thank you.