CCASE:

MSHA V. PYRO MINING COMPANY, Respondent

COSTAIN COAL INCORPORATED,

Successor-In-Interest

DDATE: 19921016

TTEXT:

SECRETARY OF LABOR, : CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDING

MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH

ADMINISTRATION (MSHA), : Docket No. KENT 91-190 Petitioner : A.C. No. 15-13881-03749

_

: Pyro No. 9 Slope

PYRO MINING COMPANY,

Respondent

:

COSTAIN COAL INCORPORATED, :
Successor-In-Interest :

DECISION APPROVING SETTLEMENT

Appearances: Stephen D. Turow, Esq., Office of the

Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Arlington, Virginia, for the Petitioner; Catherine A. Lamey, Legal Affairs Manager, Pyro Mining Company, Sturgis, Kentucky,

for the Respondent

Before: Judge Melick

This case is before me upon a petition for assessment of civil penalty under Section 105(d) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977 (the Act). At hearing, Petitioner filed a motion to approve a settlement agreement and to dismiss the case. A reduction in penalty from \$1,500 to \$1,200 was proposed. I have considered the representations and documentation submitted in this case, including the representations on the record at hearing, and I conclude that the proffered settlement is appropriate under the criteria set forth in Section 110(i) of the Act.

WHEREFORE, the motion for approval of settlement is GRANTED, and it is ORDERED that Respondent pay a penalty of \$1,200 within 30 days of this order.

Gary Melick Administrative Law Judge ~1726 Distribution:

Stephen D. Turow, Esq., Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, 4015 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22203 (Certified Mail)

Catherine A. Lamey, Legal Affairs Manager, Pyro Mining Company, P.O. Box 267, Sturgis, KY 42459-0267 (Certified Mail)

Robert I. Cusick, Esq., Wyatt, Tarrant and Combs, Citizen Plaza, Louisville, KY 40202 (Certified Mail)

/lh