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March 7, 1995

SECRETARY OF LABOR, MINE SAFETY AND HEALTH	:	CIVIL PENALTY PROCEEDING
ADMINISTRATION (MSHA), Petitioner,	:	Docket No. KENT 94-456 A.C. No. 15-13331-03537
v.	:	Prep Plant & Loading
KY HARLAN COAL CO., INC., Respondent	:	

DECISION

Appearances: Joseph B. Luckett, Esq., Office of the Solicitor, U.S. Department of Labor, Arlington, Virginia, for Petitioner; Rodney E. Buttermore, Jr., Esq., Buttermore, Turner & Boggs, Harlan, Kentucky, for Respondent.

Before: Judge Fauver

This is a civil penalty case under ' 105(d) of the Federal Mine Safety and Health Act of 1977, 30 U.S.C. ' et seq.

The case came on for hearing in Kingsport, Tennessee on February 7, 1995.

The parties presented an oral motion to approve a settlement agreement. Considering the presentations of counsel and the documents submitted, I conclude that the settlement is consistent with the purposes of ' 110(i) of the Act.

ORDER

WHEREFORE IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The motion to approve the settlement agreement is GRANTED.

2. Respondent shall pay the approved civil penalty of \$4,000 in six monthly payments as follows:

April	1,	1995	\$ 670
May	1,	1995	\$ 666
June	1,	1995	\$ 666
July	1,	1995	\$ 666
August	1,	1995	\$ 666
September	1,	1995	\$ 666

Provided: If Respondent fails to make any monthly payment when due, the total remaining balance will become due immediately and interest thereon shall accrue from such date until the full amount is paid. The rate of interest shall be the rate published by the Executive Secretary of the Commission.

> William Fauver Administrative Law Judge

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