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The Honorable Henry S. Reuss
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Reuss:

In accordance with your request of December 20, 1974, for reserve data on Federal leases, we are enclosing recoverable reserve data for the 15 largest acreage holders of Federal coal leases. The Geological Survey has requested that this data for each lessee not be published or made available for public disclosure. It considers this data to be subject to exemptions four and nine of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (9)). It stated, however, that the total recoverable reserves for oil, coal, utility and other companies as a group, and the overall recoverable reserves (10,353 million tons) could be publicly disclosed.

Sincerely yours,

James B. Altsch

Comptroller General
of the United States

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Recoverable Reserve Data for the Fifteen
Largest Acreage Holders of Federal Coal Leases

<u>Lessee (Controlling Co.)</u>	<u>Number of leases</u>	<u>Federal acres leased</u>	<u>Recoverable reserves (note a) (million tons)</u>
Oil companies:			
Sun Oil Co.	2	21,239.97	581.0
Atlantic Richfield	6	19,145.98	1,020.0
Carter Oil Co. (Exxon Corp.)	3	15,490.50	1,729.0
Consolidation Coal Co. (Continental Oil Co.) (note b)	30	54,825.09	895.5
Total	<u>41</u>	<u>110,701.54</u>	<u>4,225.5</u>
Coal companies:			
Peabody Coal Co. (Kennecott Copper Co.)	49	82,021.29	2,259.0
Garland Coal Co.	28	45,992.24	171.0
Utah International	26	24,229.61	400.0
Kemmerer Coal Co. (Lincoln Corp.) (note b)	21	32,227.70	455.5
Total	<u>124</u>	<u>184,470.84</u>	<u>3,285.5</u>
Utility companies:			
El Paso Natural Gas	15	27,018.72	528.0
Resources Co. (Arizona Public Service Co. and San Diego Gas and Electric Co.)	20	39,355.19	627.0
Pacific Power and Light	19	35,078.15	802.0
Total	<u>54</u>	<u>101,452.06</u>	<u>1,957.0</u>
Other:			
Richard D. Bass	1	20,700.71	229.0
United States Steel	19	18,919.15	429.0
Industrial Resources	6	14,929.33	79.0
Kaiser Steel (Kaiser Industries Corp.)	9	14,617.26	148.0
Total	<u>35</u>	<u>69,166.45</u>	<u>885.0</u>
Total	<u>254</u>	<u>465,790.89</u>	<u>10,353.0</u>

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assurance. Neither the act nor its legislative history indicates what constitutes satisfactory assurances.

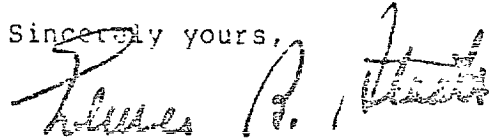
ADDITIONAL VIEWS OF CRITICS AND PROPONENTS

Comments of critics and proponents may be found in various records which are available to the public. These include recent congressional hearings and Corps- and State-sponsored public hearings pertinent to the project. The critics' primary concern is the project's irreversible damage to the natural environment. On the other hand proponents claim such damage would be minimal and that the project would attract new businesses, with an attendant increase in the area's general economy.

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We did not ask the Corps to formally comment on this report. We did, however, discuss its contents with Louisville District officials.

Sincerely yours,



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The Geological Survey considers the data on recoverable reserves of individual lessees to be subject to exemptions four and nine of the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4) and (9)) and therefore not be published or made available for public disclosure.

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Consolidation Coal Co. and Kemmerer Coal Co. jointly own, on a 50-50 basis 10 coal leases in Utah involving 12,745.94 acres. For reporting purposes the number of leases and acres have been divided equally between the two companies.