



March 31, 1999

Office of Participant Benefits Security
Labor Management Service Administration
U.S. Department of Labor
Washington, D.C. 20216

Dear Madam or Sir:

RE: Notice of Plan of Deferred Compensation

Pursuant to DOL Reg. Sec. 2520.104-23, the undersigned Employer hereby files the following information with respect to its plan of deferred compensation.

1. Name and Address of Employer:

Arch Coal, Inc.
CityPlace One
Suite 300
St. Louis, MO 63141

2. Federal Employer Identification No. (EIN):

43-0921172

3. The Employer maintains 1 plan of deferred compensation primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation to a select group of management or highly-compensated Employees.

4. 26 Employees are covered by such plan.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Luzecky
Director - Pension and Thrift Plans

cc: S. Roe - Bryan Cave
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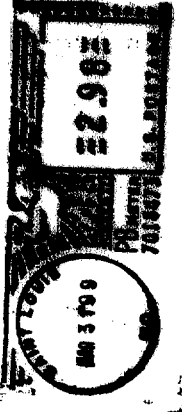
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