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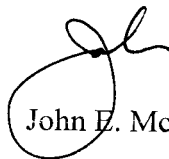
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Re: **Consol Energy Inc. Defined Contribution Restoration Plan**

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with the reporting and filing requirements of 29 C.F.R. § 2520.104-23, enclosed please find a Statement Regarding Employee Benefit Plan for the Consol Energy Inc. Defined Contribution Restoration Plan. If you should have any questions concerning the enclosed filing, please contact the undersigned at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



John E. McGrady, III

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Enclosure

cc: Stephanie Gill, (w/enc.)  
Deborah J. Lackovic (w/enc.)  
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## STATEMENT REGARDING EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

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Dear Sir or Madam:

In compliance with the requirements of the alternative method of reporting and disclosure under Part I of Title I of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 for unfunded pension plans for a select group of management or highly compensated employees, specified in Department of Labor Regulations, 29 C.F.R. § 2520.104-23, the following information is provided by the undersigned employer.

**Name and Address of Employer:** CONSOL Energy Inc.  
CNX Center  
1000 CONSOL Energy Drive  
Canonsburg, PA 15317

**Employer Identification Number:** 51-0337383

**Declaration:** The Corporation maintains plans primarily for the purpose of providing deferred compensation to a select group of management or highly compensated employees.

**Plans (including No. of participants in each plan):**

1. The Retirement Restoration Plan of CONSOL Energy, Inc. (benefits frozen effective December 31, 2006);
2. CONSOL Energy Inc. Supplemental Retirement Plan (covering approximately forty (40) employees); and
3. CONSOL Energy Inc. Defined Contribution Restoration Plan (covering approximately forty-six (46) employees), effective January 1, 2012.

Dated: November 10, 2011

**CONSOL Energy Inc.**

By: 

Title: V.P. - Human Resources

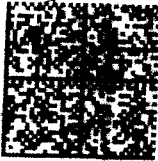
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