

**APPENDIX 15.2 -- LETTER FROM ADAMS COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS TO DCNR 12-29-2010**



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December 29, 2010

Mr. Dan Devlin, State Forester
Department of Community & Natural Resources
Rachael Carson State Office Building
400 Market Street
PO Box 8552
Harrisburg Pa. 17105-8552

Dear Dan,

The Adams County Board of Commissioners, at its December 29, 2010 publically advertised meeting, approved a letter of support for the proposed DCNR/ISP Minerals land trade agreement. We understand that ISP minerals will be trading three parcels of equivalent acreage for approximately 100 acres of mountain land adjacent to their mining operation in Hamiltonban Township Adams County.

DCNR's opinion that the value associated with the Sleightholm, Naugle and Benchoff tracts is equal to or greater than that associated with the proposed tract to be traded has helped to make our support even more important. DCNR's inability to secure these three parcels in the past also adds to the value of this transaction.

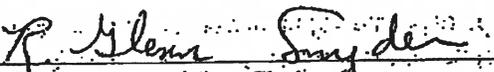
The intention of the County's proposed deed restrictions on the Glatfelter tract was to assure this land, or other land in Adams County would be available for public use. We believe this transaction to be in good standing with our original intention.

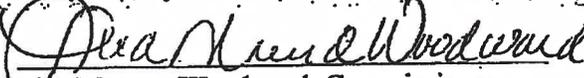
The Commissioners strongly support the economic value of ISP Minerals operation in Adams County including employment opportunities for our residents and tax revenues needed to support our County, Township and School District programs. We believe the future operations of ISP Minerals into the next decade and beyond are of the utmost importance to our communities and our residents.

Regards,

ADAMS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS


George A. Weikert, Chairman


R. Glenn Snyder, Vice-Chairman


Lisa Moreno-Woodward, Commissioner