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**Federal Highway  
Administration**

Coalfields Expressway, Section II

Mr. Charlie Kilpatrick  
Commissioner  
Virginia Department of Transportation  
1401 East Broad Street  
Richmond, Virginia 23219

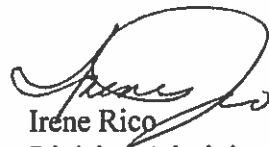
Dear Commissioner Kilpatrick:

The Federal Highway Administration has determined that a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement is necessary for Section II of the Coalfields Expressway. The proposed alternative was not fully evaluated in the original Environmental Impact Statement. Following internal deliberation, we have concluded that the environmental impacts from the proposed alternative rise to the level to be significant.

The Environmental Assessment for Section II of the Coalfields Expressway was prepared, in part, to determine whether a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement was warranted. In addition to informing the decision on the type of environmental document, the Environmental Assessment is useful in helping to identify the issues that need to be addressed in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

The FHWA Virginia Division Office and the FHWA Headquarters Office are committed to working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to expeditiously complete the National Environmental Policy Act process for Section II of the Coalfields Expressway. If you have any questions or wish to discuss this, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



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Division Administrator

cc: Ms. Gloria Shepherd  
Associate Administrator for Planning,  
Environment, and Realty