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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
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To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor
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Re: Advertisements for Applications

Section 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1773.13(a)(1)(B) states that the advertisement of an application shall contain, "A map or description which clearly shows or describes the precise location and boundaries of the proposed permit area and shadow area, if applicable, and is sufficient to enable local residents to readily identify the proposed permit area. It may include towns, bodies of water, local landmarks, and any other information which would identify the location. If a map is used, it shall indicate the north direction. If the application includes a shadow area, the map or description shall differentiate between the two."

It has come to the Department's attention that some landowners have difficulty determining if their property is included in proposed shadow areas because:

- The written description for the large area frequently encompassed by a shadow area can be difficult to read; and
- If the private mineral estate to be mined has been severed from the private surface estate, the surface owner is very likely unaware their property is included in the shadow area.

Therefore, henceforth for permit and revision applications containing shadow area, the advertisement of the application shall contain a map meeting the requirements of Section 1773.13(a)(1)(B).