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Operator Memorandum 2015-03

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

Date: August 26, 2015

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor
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Re: Reporting of Affected Acreage, FY15

At this time the Department is extending the deadline for FY15 affected acreage reporting until Thursday, December 31, 2015.

The current Affected Acreage form (SCML-3) can be found on the Department's Operator Forms and Applications web page,
http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/mines/LandReclamation/Documents/SCML3.pdf
All operations having areas not yet reported as affected but permitted must complete and submit an Affected Acreage form. Only those operations indicating area affected by operations must include a map indicating the location of the areas affected, with the submittal (62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816/1817.190). Companies must submit one original signature, one copy for field files and one copy for each county the mine is operating in. All copies must include maps, when applicable. **DO NOT** forward copies to the county Clerk's office.

Operations to be reported are: **surface affected** areas for support facilities/infrastructures and **mined overburden** for overburden placement and auger mining areas. Areas re-affected during the reporting period should be included in these totals and on page two under the Re-affected Acreage section of the form.

All affected acreage forms and maps must be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the reporting of affected areas for your sites, please contact your field inspector or Jim Schafer at our Springfield office.