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MEMORANDUM No. 2009-01

To: All Coal Operators

From: Scott K. Fowler

Date: January 30, 2009

RE: Agricultural Land Productivity Crop Testing Requests (ALPF)

The Department has received a number of requests for productivity testing the year following final grading or augmentation, specifically, deep tillage. Please be advised 62 Ill. Adm Code 1816/1817.116 excludes this year from being used for productivity success toward bond release. As a result the Department does not allocate resources to do testing in that year.

Please note that testing requests are due by February 15. We have been receiving a number of late requests, in recent years. The Department is not obligated to accept these late requests. Also three copies are to be sent to the Department. In addition, two copies are to be sent directly to the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

To remind you of the above issue and to assist us in our review of these requests, the following information should be provided at a minimum with the maps to be referenced.

1. Permit #
2. Field #
3. MYRP # (if already assigned by IDOA)
4. Program (Permanent or Interim)
5. Approved post mining land use
6. Approved land capability (prime, high capability, or limited capability)
7. Field acreage, total and soil conservation acreage
8. Year of final grading/augmentation, if any
9. If any deep tillage, year and type/model of equipment
10. Crop to be tested.

If you have any questions regarding the testing program or testing feel free to contact Dean Spindler in the Springfield office at (217) 785-5195 or dean.spindler@illinois.gov