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Marc Miller, Director

Land Reclamation Division
Operator Memorandum 2010-02

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

Date: August 12, 2010

From: Scott Fowler, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

Re: Reporting of Affected Acreage, FY10

At this time the Department is extending the deadline for FY10 affected acreage reporting from September 1, until Friday, December 31, 2010. The department is reminding all operators that a detailed map as outlined at 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.190 (surface mining activities) or 1817.190 (underground mining operations). must be submitted with their Affected Acreage report, showing the acreage affected.

Operations to be reported are surface affected areas for support facilities/infrastructures, mined overburden for surface mining operations, and highwall/auger mining areas.

The Department has made available the most current affected acreage form on our web site, www.dnr.state.il.us/mines/lrd/cfomrs.htm, and has attached one copy to this memo. Also attached are the regulations of 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.190 (Surface Mining Activities) and 1817.190 (Underground mining Operations).

In addition to the reporting of affected acreage, any operation in Illinois that has area under permit that has not yet been affected is also required to complete the required form, indicating zero acres affected. Areas previously affected and that have been re-affected during this period are also required to be reported. These areas should be included in the gross totals on page one of the form, and netted out on page two of the affected acreage form. Any reports found to have errors or use the incorrect form shall be returned to the company for correction.

All necessary forms and maps are to be mailed to:

Scott Fowler,
IDNR, Office of Mines and Mineral, LRD
One Natural Resources Way
Springfield, IL 62702-1271

If you have any questions concerning the reporting of affected acreage please contact Jim Schafer.

SCML-3

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DETAILED MAP(S) OF AREA AFFECTED

(To be submitted by September 1, following end of fiscal year
for the period of July 1, through June 30.)

Date: _____

_____ hereby submits the
(Name of corporation, firm or individual)

attached map(s) of the actual area affected under Permit Number _____ for the fiscal year from

July 1, _____ through June 30, _____.

County	Pit or Facility Name	*(1) Surface* Affected Area	(2) Mined * Overburden	(3) Soil Removal Only

ACREAGE TOTALS: _____

If the above affected acreage includes reaffected land which has been previously disturbed by mining or surface affected area (reaffected), complete the appropriate section on the reverse side and identify on attached map(s). Do not include soil removal only.

_____
(Signature of Company Official)

Form SCML-3 and a detailed map showing the area affected are to be submitted to the Land Reclamation Division, Office of Mines and Minerals in triplicate, along with one additional copy of SCML-3 and map(s) for each county acreage is affected. Auger mined areas must be identified on the map.* Auger mining **IS / IS NOT** reported.

*See back of form for more detailed instruction.

NOTICE- This state agency is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined under 225 ILCS 715/1 (Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 96 ½, par. 4501 et seq.). Disclosure of this information is MANDATORY. Failure to provide this information could result in the issuance of notices of violation and ultimately bond forfeiture. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

Mined Overburden

Areas to be included in this category include all land from which overburden has been removed and all areas where overburden has been deposited. Highwall and pit areas extending to the top of the highwall are to be included. Box cut overburden deposition areas are to be included.

Surface Affected Area

This area includes all surface areas either disturbed, affected or used in support of or ancillary to mining operations activities. Roads, tipple, ditches, sediment control facilities, waste disposal, soil stockpile, and storage areas are included; however, it may be necessary to include other areas also. Once an area is reported as surface affected area, it need not be reported again. In subsequent years, only newly affected areas will be mapped to show the initial year the surface was affected.

Areas extending laterally (out to the side of the direction of pit advance) which have been disturbed by soil removal and/or other soil removal but will not be subjected to overburden removal, must be declared under the surface affected area category.

Those areas affected in advance of the highwall that have experienced only surface soil or root medium removal and will not be mined (not to experience overburden removal) must be mapped and the acreage included in this category.

This category also includes those operations having surface mining activities which recover coal from a deposit that is not in its original geologic location such as coal waste disposal areas, (i.e., carbon recovery operations).

Soil Removal Only

This category includes all areas from which only surface soil and/or root medium has been removed or stockpiled or other disturbed areas (i.e., ditches, roads) that will be **surface mined** at a later date.

Reaffected Acreage

A. _____ acres. Acreage which has been remined. (If known, please specify when and by whom the acreage was mined initially).

B. _____ acres. Acreage which has been previously declared as support facility disturbance.

Auger Mining

Areas auger mined must identify where augering has occurred by individual seams.

TITLE 62: MINING
CHAPTER I: DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PART 1816 PERMANENT PROGRAM PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – SURFACE MINING ACTIVITIES
SECTION 1816.190 AFFECTED ACREAGE MAP

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a) On or before September 1 of each year every permit holder shall submit to the Department reports and maps of affected areas.

b) Two copies, plus one additional copy for each county in which the permit is located, of the reports and maps shall be submitted showing the area affected during the fiscal year just ended and the extent of any auger mining. One of the copies submitted shall contain the original signature of a company official. The Department shall require the map to be executed by an engineer registered in accordance with the Professional Engineering Practice Act of 1989 [225 ILCS 325] or a land surveyor registered in accordance with the Illinois Professional Land Surveyor Act of 1989 [225 ILCS 330]. The Department shall then forward one copy to the county clerk.

c) The map shall be planned as a continuous map, so that the area affected each year may be added and indicated on the map by the dates it was affected. Reports as required by Section 1816.190 shall be submitted to the Department on forms provided by the Department. Map scales shall be in accordance with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1779.25.

d) All maps shall show sections, township, range and county lines coming within the scope of the map; access to the area from the nearest public road and all weather roads within the mined area; and a title containing name of the operator, address, scale of the map, by whom the map was drawn, name of the surveyor or engineer.

(Source: Amended at 26 Ill. Reg. 4232, effective March 6, 2002)

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(Source: Amended at 20 Ill. Reg. 1993, effective January 19, 1996)