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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
Memorandum No. 2012-02

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor
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Re: Six Month Notification of Underground Mining

The regulations at 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1817.122 require that at least six months prior to mining the underground mine operator shall mail a notification to all owners and occupants of surface property and structures above the underground workings.

The notification is required to include:

1) **Identification of specific areas in which mining will take place.** The notice shall contain a legal description of the area to be mined, described to the quarter section, township and range. Instead of the legal description the notice may be accompanied by an underground mine plan map depicting the location of the owner's and occupant's property, superimposed over the area to be mined.

2) **Dates that specific areas will be undermined.** The notice shall indicate the calendar year in which the mining will occur. If a map is included with the notice, indication of the projected date of mining on the map will fulfill this requirement. If property the subject of the notice is not undermined during the calendar year indicated in the notice, the owner and occupant must be re-notified.

3) **The type of mining to be employed.** The notice shall describe the underground mining method to be employed.

4) **A description of measures that will be taken to prevent subsidence and/or to mitigate subsidence damages which may occur.** The notice shall contain the required description.

5) **The location or locations where the operator's subsidence control plan may be examined.** The notice shall contain the required information.

Any owner or occupant previously notified but not yet undermined, whose notice did not contain the required information as noted above, shall be re-notified within six months of undermining.

The operator shall maintain copies of all of the public notices mailed pursuant to this Section 1817.122 and shall make such copies available for inspection by authorized agents of the Department.