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# LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
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To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

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Re: Emergency Response to Environmental and Public Health and Safety Issues

All decision documents for permits and significant revisions contain the following language as Condition E of Part IV Permit Conditions. The pertinent regulation at 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1773.17(e) requires the following:

*Section 1773.17 Permit Conditions*

*Each permit issued by the Department shall be subject to the following conditions:*

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*e) The permittee shall take all possible steps to minimize any adverse impact to the environment or public health and safety resulting from noncompliance with any term or condition of the permit, including, but not limited to:*

*1) Any accelerated or additional monitoring necessary to determine the nature and extent of noncompliance and the results of the noncompliance;*

*2) Immediate implementation of measures necessary to comply; and*

*3) Warning, as soon as possible after learning of such noncompliance, any person whose health and safety is in imminent danger due to the noncompliance.*

Coal mine operators should establish and post contact procedures for the event of a spill, dam breach, or comparable incident that could result in the release of contamination into the environment. It is the operator's responsibility to make the appropriate contacts following an incident. These contacts should be made within 24 hours of becoming aware of the incident.

The attached table contains an example list of contacts that should be immediately notified whenever what could be an emergency situation occurs. It is recommended that permittees update the table with local phone numbers that are specific to their county or region.

# Emergency Notification List

| Contact | Responsible Role | Phone Number |
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| Illinois Department of Natural Resources Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division Inspector | Incident Reporting, Documentation | (618) 439-9111 (Benton)<br>(217) 782-7860 (Springfield) |
| National Response Center | Incident Reporting: If spill exceeds CERCLA Federal Response Quantity | (800) 424-8802 |
| US EPA | Incident Reporting | (312) 353-2318 |
| Illinois Environmental Protection Agency-Emergency Response Unit | Incident Reporting, Provide Spill Response Assistance | (217) 785-0830 |
| Illinois Environmental Protection Agency<br>Mine Pollution Control Program | Incident Reporting | (618) 993-7200 (Marion)<br>(217) 782-3637 (IEPA Direct Line) |
| Illinois Emergency Management Agency, county contacts are available from: http://www.state.il.us/iema/contacts/contacts.htm | Incident Reporting<br><br>_____ County | (800) 782-7860<br><br>(___) ___-____ |
| Fire Department: | Assist in spill clean-up and fire control | (___) ___-____ |
| Sheriff's Department: | Traffic Control, Crowd Control, Evacuation Assistance | (___) ___-____ |
| Illinois State Police: | Traffic Control, Crowd Control, Evacuation Assistance | (___) ___-____ |
| Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA): | Incident Reporting –if workers are injured | (618) 997-0584 (Marion)<br>(217) 324-4545 (Litchfield)<br>(812) 895-0512 (Vincennes) |
| Environmental Cleanup Contractor | Assist in sampling for contaminants, cleanup | (___) ___-____ |