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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 82-4

TO: Selected Coal Mining Operators

FROM: Douglas Downing, Supervisor
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SUBJECT: Reminder About Permanent Program Permit Resubmittal Obligations Upcoming

Since we are approaching the time when the Department expects to be receiving notice of the Secretary of the Interior's decision on its permanent program submittal, operators with whom we are in regular contact have been working on developing new applications for resubmittal.

Operations that might be in uncertain status (temporarily closed, permanently closed but conducting special operations, seeking new owners, seasonal operations, etc.) are of special concern to the Department. In this instance, if you were to overlook Rule 1771.21(a)(1), your mine could fall into a category where legal right to continue operating could be in jeopardy.

As a reminder, we call to your attention Rule 1771.21(a)(1)--

> "Not later than two months following the initial approval of the Secretary of a regulatory program for Illinois, regardless of litigation contesting that approval, each person who conducts or expects to conduct surface coal mining and reclamation operations after the expiration of eight months from that approval shall file an application for a permit for those operations."

Naturally, if this reminder is not needed, it may be disregarded. However, for those to whom the above information is "news," it is hoped that this notice is timely and will enable you to take appropriate action, as required to avoid future problems in conducting any anticipated operations.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, or your field representative directly, if you have questions or need assistance.