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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 82-9

TO: County Clerks of Counties Containing Active Coal Mining Operations

FROM: Douglas Downing, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

DATE: June 23, 1982

SUBJECT: The Filing Requirements of the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act

Under the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act, operators of active coal mines are required to file permit applications in duplicate with the county clerks of the counties in which the operations will occur. The purpose of this filing is to establish and maintain a readily accessible record to be employed by the general public. The public record for surface disturbance permit applications is to include all information obtained or submitted to the Department by the operator or any other party from the permit application review through the active operation/reclamation phase of the mining operation until final release of the reclamation obligation by the Department.

The Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act became effective June 1, 1982. In the near future surface disturbance permit applications under the Act will begin to be filed with the respective county clerks. In addition to surface disturbance permits which will be filed with the county clerks, the Department is required to file copies of inspection reports for inspections conducted on or after June 1, 1982, with the county clerks of the counties in which the active mining is occurring. When the Department transmits copies of inspection reports for active mining operations, we will provide a listing of the permit number to which the inspection or inspections refer on the face of the cover letter, and, of course, the inspection report itself would bear a listing by company, by mine and by permit number. For underground mining operations, which have never before been required to file with the county clerk's office it will be necessary for a filing system to be set up for the inspection reports as they are received. Since surface mining operators have been required to file copies of their applications with the county clerk's office for a number of years the files or filing systems should already be in place to receive the inspection reports as the Department transmits them.

The Department will endeavor to provide assistance in the implementation and establishment of a public record for surface mining and reclamation operations as required by the Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act.

Should you have any questions or need assistance concerning the above procedures, please feel free to contact Mr. Ernest Ashby, Permit Coordinator with the Land Reclamation Division at (217)782-4970.