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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 82-13

TO: Small Coal Operators

FROM: Douglas Downing, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

DATE: November 18, 1982

SUBJECT: Small Operators Assistance Program (S.O.A.P.)

The Department would like to remind all small operators (those whose direct and attributed coal production is less than 100,000 tons annually) that assistance in preparing the determination of probable hydrologic consequences and analyzing core or bore hole samples is still available through the Department.

The determination must be submitted as part of your permit application and requires a survey of surface and ground water resources around your mine site as well as several months of water sampling and analyses. The information gathered must then be interpreted and integrated into a report that makes an estimate of the probable hydrologic consequences of the mining in terms of surface and ground water quantity and quality.

The overburden information gathered in analyzing core or boring samples must also be included in your permit application. The purpose of S.O.A.P. is to provide these services to the small operator on a no cost basis. The monies to provide these services comes directly from the coal severance tax collected by O.S.M.

Inquiries regarding Small Operators Assistance should be directed to Ron Dale, S.O.A.P. Administrator, Department of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division, Room 204, 227 South Seventh Street, Springfield, Illinois 62706. Telephone (217) 782-4970.

A copy of the Small Operator Assistance Program application form is enclosed.

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Enclosure

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NOTICE - This state agency is requesting disclosure of informati that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined under Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 96½, par. 4501 et. seq. Disclosure of this information is voluntary; however, failure to comply may result in this form not being processed. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

SMALL OPERATOR ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Date of Application _____

1. (a) Permit Applicant's Name (b) Operator's Name (if Different from Applicant.)

(a)	(b)
_____ (Company)	_____ (Company)
_____ (Address)	_____ (Address)
_____ (Past 3 State Permit No.)	_____ (Past 3 State Permit No.)
_____ (Past 3 MSHA I.D. No.)	_____ (Past 3 MSHA I.D. No.)

2. Has applicant ever been denied Small Operator Assistance ____ Yes ____ No. If yes, attach a full explanation of the circumstances and reasons for denial.

3. Is applicant presently mining under a permit ____ Yes ____ No.

4. Is applicant an individual _____ (or) a _____ partnership _____ (or) a corporation _____.

5. Anticipated starting and termination dates of the mining operations _____ to _____.

6. Location of Proposed (or existing) Permit(s): _____

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7. Attach a schedule of estimated total coal production from the proposed permit area and all other locations from which production is attributed to the applicant. The schedule should include:

   (a) Name under which coal is or will be mined.
   (b) Present identification numbers, if applicable.
   (c) Present MSHA identification numbers, if applicable.

(d) Location of present operations if applicable.

(e) Actual coal production for the year preceeding the application for assistance (Jan. 1 - Dec. 31) and that portion of the production attributed to the applicant.

(f) The proposed coal production for each year of the proposed permit and that portion attributed to the applicant.

8. Provide a description of:

(a) The method of surface coal mining operation proposed

(b) Probable depth to coal resource (include multiple seams if applicable).

(c) The number of acres of land to be affected by the proposed mining.

(d) A general statement of the probable thickness of the coal resource. (Be sure to include descriptions of multiple seams if applicable).

9. Provide U.S. Geological Survey topographic map of 1:24,000 scale or larger or other topographic map of equivalent detail which clearly shows:

(a) The area of land to be affected and the natural drainage above and below the affected area.

(b) The names of property owners within the area to be affected and of adjacent lands.

(c) The location of existing structures and developed water sources within the area to be affected and on adjacent lands.

(d) The location of existing and proposed test borings or core samplings.

(e) The location and extent of known working of any underground mines within the mine plan area and adjacent area.

10. Provide a topographic map of 1:6000 scale or larger of the permit area. You may enlarge a 1:24,000 scale map to the 1:6000 scale through photocopying or any other process. Even though the detail of the base 1:6000 scale map (photocopied enlargement) will be no greater than that of the 1:24,000 scale map, any information drawn on the map must be as detailed as information found on a normal map with a scale of 1:6000 (or larger).

11. Provide copies of documents which show that:

    a) The applicant has a legal right to enter and commence mining within the permit area; and

    b) A legal right of entry has been obtained for the Office, regulatory authority and laboratory personnel to inspect the lands to be mined and adjacent lands which may be affected to collect environmental data or install necessary instruments.

UNDERTAKING OF APPLICANT

The undersigned, as duly authorized representative of the applicant, hereby agrees that the applicant intends to apply for a permit pursuant to the Act and will, if the applicant receives small operator assistance:

1. Fully cooperate with all contracted and subcontracted laboratories that will produce the determination and statement;

2. Submit coal production information for the area affected by this application and for any other mining area in which the applicant has an interest, said information to be furnished within thirty (30) days of the end of the first twelve (12) months of mining activity and thereafter for each twelve (12) month period of mining under the permit which the assistance is provided, and;

3. Refund, in full, to the Regulatory Authority for laboratory services paid for pursuant to this application, upon presentation of appropriate receipts, if any of the following conditions occur:

   a) Information submitted as required by paragraph (1) above shows coal production to be in excess of 100,000 tons per year;

   b) False information is submitted;

   c) No permit application is submitted within one (1) year from the data of receipt of the approved laboratory report;

   d) Fails to commence mining after obtaining a permit.

Authorized Company Official	Title	Date

AFFIDAVIT

Applicant, or duly authorized representative, being first duly sworn, states to the best of applicant's knowledge and belief that the information furnished above is correct and complete.

By _____
(Applicant)

State of _____

County of _____

Subscribed and sworn to before me by _____.

This the _____ day of _____, 19__.

My commission expires _____.

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(Notary Public)