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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 89-7

TO: All Underground Coal Mine Operators

FROM: Paul J. Ehret, Supervisor
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DATE: March 27, 1989

RE: Surface Owner Notifications

It has come to our attention that confusion exists in regard to retention of copies of public notification to surface land owners above underground workings. Section 1817.122 of Title 62 of the Illinois Administrative Code, Subsidence Control Public Notice requires in part:

> "At least six (6) months prior to mining, or within that period if approved by the Department, the underground mine operator shall mail a notification to all owners and occupants of surface property and structures above the underground workings."

In order for the Department to verify whether proper notification was conducted, the Department is hereby requiring that copies of surface owner notification be maintained at or near the mine site, pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1840.2(a). Such documents shall be retained for inspection until the operator requests and receives written Departmental permission that retention of these records is no longer required.