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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 90-1

TO: All Surface and Underground Coal Mine Operators

FROM: Paul J. Ehret, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

DATE: January 31, 1990

SUBJECT: Coal Exploration Notice Requirements

Section 1772.11 of the Department's permanent program rules and regulations requires a written notice of intention to explore be filed with the Department prior to conducting the exploration. Section 1772.11(b) details the information that shall be included in each notice of intent. Regulations state that the notice shall contain a copy of a fully executed Form OG-14-A or Form OG-14-B which were available from the Oil and Gas Division of the Department. The Oil and Gas Division recently changed to a new form for test hole permits, Form OG-7, and the OG-14 forms are no longer applicable.

Those operators planning exploration drilling are required to submit a Form OG-7 for each Section to be explored to the Oil and Gas Division. Effective February 1, 1990, the Department requires a permit fee of $100.00 per Section be submitted to the Oil and Gas Division. In addition, the operator must have a $25,000.00 blanket surety bond on file with the Oil and Gas Division. A copy of the fully executed OG-7 shall be submitted to the Land Reclamation Division with the written notice of intent in lieu of the OG-14 forms. Copies of revised forms are attached.

Underground mine access holes (powerline holes, ventilation and other service holes) do not require a permit from the Oil and Gas Division. Access holes will be permitted by the Land Reclamation Division.

Please do not hesitate to contact this office for further information or clarification.

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT COAL EXPLORATION
(less than 250 tons)

Date: _____

_____
(Name of Company, Corporation, Parternship or Individual Seeking to Explore)

_____
(Address) (Telephone)

_____
(Name of Representative to be Present at, and Responsible for Exploration Activity)

_____
(Address) (Telephone)

Projected period of exploration (_____) to (_____)
(Date) (Date)

1. Include a precise narrative or other specific description of the location of the intended exploration which identifies which Sections will be affected.
2. Describe the method of exploration and practices to be followed to protect the environment from adverse impacts as a result of the exploration in accordance with the applicable requirements of Part 1815 of the regulations.
3. Include a copy of a fully executed "Application for Test Holes Permit" (Form OG-7) for each Section.

I, _____
(Applicant or Applicant's Legal Representative)

under penalties of perjury declare that I have examined this Notice of Intent to Conduct Coal Exploration, including accompanying statements and documents, and to the best of my knowledge it is true, correct and complete.

_____
Signature Date

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND MINERALS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION
(217) 782-7756
300 W. JEFFERSON - SUITE 300
P.O. BOX 10140
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62791-0140

OG-7 APPLICATION FOR TEST HOLE PERMIT

Complete the Following (please print or type)

_____ _____
(Name of Applicant) Date

_____ _____
Permanent Address Telephone

_____ Bond: _____
City State Zip (Blanket/Individual)

CORPORATION _____ Registered with State of Illinois _____
(yes/no) (yes/no)

PURPOSE OF TEST(S): COAL _____ STRUCTURE _____ MINERAL _____

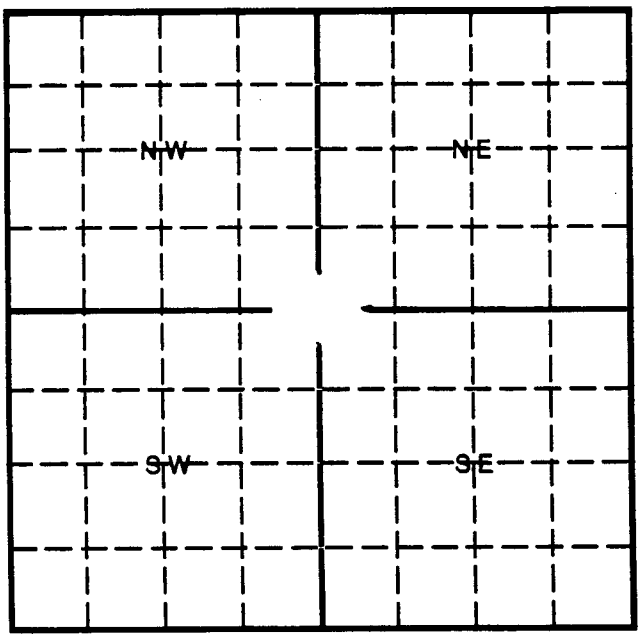
NUMBER OF TESTS _____ DRILLED TO A CONTEMPLATED DEPTH OF _____

DRILLING CONTRACTOR _____
Name of Business

_____
City State Zip

SEND PERMIT TO: _____

LOCATION: Section _____ Township _____ Range _____ County _____



SHOW PROPOSED LOCATION OF EACH TEST HOLE ON PLAT

All permits are issued subject to filing an individual well record and plugging afffidavit, along with verification of location of each test hole. Test holes cannot be converted to any other use and must be plugged within 30 days after completion of drilling.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THE APPLICATION, INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IT IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE.

_____ _____
Signature Date

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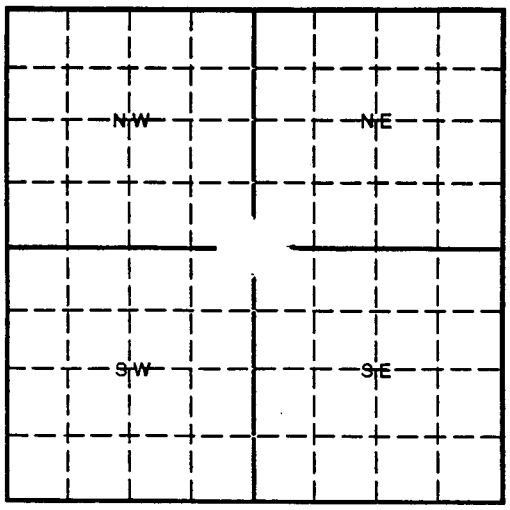
OG-8 TEST HOLE RECORD AND PLUGGING AFFIDAVIT



LOCATION OF TEST

_____ ft. north; or _____ ft. south;

and _____ ft. east; or _____ ft. west

of the _____ corner of the _____ quarter

of the _____ quarter of the _____ quarter

of section _____, twp. _____(north/south)

range _____(east/west) of the _____

principal meridian, _____

County, Illinois.

DETAILS OF PLUGGING

Filled with _____ from _____ to _____
(cement or other materials)

Kind of plug _____ from _____ to _____

Filled with _____ from _____ to _____

Kind of plug _____ from _____ to _____

PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit Number _____ Date issued _____

Test hole name/number _____ Date plugging completed _____

Total Depth _____ Hole size _____in. Surface hole size _____in.

Property Owner _____ Drilling Contractor _____

Address _____ Address _____

_____ _____

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE EXAMINED THIS FORM INCLUDING ACCOMPANYING STATEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS, AND TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, IT IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE.

_____ _____
Signature Company Representation Inspector Witnessing Plugging

_____ _____
Title Date

_____
Date