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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM 91-1

TO: ALL SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND COAL MINE OPERATORS

FROM: Paul J. Ehret

DATE: January 14, 1991

RE: Notice of Adopted Program Amendments

The Surface Coal Mining Land Conservation and Reclamation Act, Rules and Regulations (62 Ill. Adm. Code 1700-1850) have recently been amended, effective January 1, 1991. The regulations were amended in order to be consistent with revised Federal regulations, pursuant to 30 CFR 732.17. A full text of the adopted amendments can be found in the July 20, 1990 Illinois Register (Volume 14, Issue 29). However, be advised that OSMRE has withheld approval, or deferred action, on certain sections of these adopted amendments. A copy of a September 17, 1990 letter from OSMRE notifying the Department of the status of the adopted amendments has been enclosed.

The Department is in the process of reprinting the regulations in their entirety. These will be distributed to all coal operators upon receipt. In the interim period please reference your current regulation booklet (green book) and the adopted amendments found in the Illinois Register.

For your convenience an Illinois Register order form has also been enclosed.

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Dear Mr. Ehret,

On August 29, 1990, the Federal Register approving the Illinois July 17, 1989 proposed amendments was published.

The Federal Register listed three regulations for which Illinois must submit amendments by September 28, 1990. A copy of the notice with applicable marked sections is enclosed for your reference.

Section 1773.5

To be no less effective than its Federal counterpart, the first paragraph of 62 IAC 1773.5 needs to be revised to indicate that "owned or controlled and owns or controls means any one or a combination of the relationships specified in subsections (a) and (b)".

Illinois' proposed amendment indicated "(a) or (b)".

Sections 1816.68(a) and 1817.68(a)

The deletion of "Wind velocity and direction" from the list of factors required in the blast record was disapproved for both proposed amendments.

Illinois needs to amend its program to require that recorded blast data address weather conditions.

In addition, action was deferred on Sections 1816.49(a)(10)(B) and 1817.49(a)(10)(B) until a technical evaluation is completed.

If IDMM should require additional information on these requirements, please contact the Field Office.

Sincerely,

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James F. Fulton, Director
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Enclosure

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