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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM NO. 91-7

TO: All Surface and Underground Mine Operators

FROM: Paul J. Ehret

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SUBJECT: Revised Surface (SCM-1) and Underground (UCM-1) Coal Mining Permit Application Forms

Attached for use in submitting surface coal mining and reclamation operations permit applications are revised versions of the SCM-1, for surface mining operations and the UCM-1, for underground mining operations. These revisions to the surface and underground mining permit applications were necessitated by changes to the promulgated regulations of the Surface Coal Mine Land Conservation and Reclamation Act effective January 1, 1991.

The rules effective January 1, 1991 required two major rewrites of sections of the applications. These were ownership and control which can be found at Part I 6) of both the surface and underground application, and archaeological and historic resources which can be found at part II 10) of both the surface and underground applications. Both sections have been extensively rewritten to bring them into compliance with the revised regulations and all operators are urged to read these sections carefully before completing an application for submission.

Part 1 of both applications has been revised to some degree to bring the information requested into conformity with the information and format requirements of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement's (OSMRE) automated Applicant Violator System (AVS). In particular the end date and the begin date on the (AVS) system for each ownership and control position is extremely important for the smooth functioning of the system. The end date and begin date for each ownership and control position correlates to Part I (6)(A)(4)(c)(i)(ii). Accurate assumption and departured dates for each ownership and control position will expedite end

date and begin date entries into the AVS system and will help insure that operators do not have erroneous permit blocks originating from ownership and control information on the AVS system.

Part I, of both the surface and underground application have had two changes made to the affidavits required to be submitted with each permit application. The forfeiture affidavits found in previous versions of the applications have been eliminated. The requirement covered under the affidavit has been included as part of the ownership and control information required under Part I, 8) of both applications.

For the SCM-1 application a certification has been added for public land survey monuments. It should be noted that this certification is to be completed even if the review of the records shows that no monuments occur within the proposed permit area.

For both the surface and the underground mining permit applications, Part V, 1) has been revised to standardize the information required for the estimate of reclamation cost and to expedite the calculations of reclamation bond.

Additional copies of both the surface and underground applications are available upon request to the Land Reclamation Division. In addition, the permit applications are available as word processing files on computer disk. The word processing files are available in symphony and ascii format on high density, five and one fourth (5 1/4) inch computer disk. Operators wishing to receive a copy of surface and underground permit applications as computer word processing files should submit a request to Land Reclamation Division accompanied by a formatted high density disk with a pre-addressed and stamped computer disk mailer.

Request for additional copies of the permit applications either in hard copy or as computer files should be made to Ernest Ashby, Permit Coordinator at (217) 785-0398.