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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM 92- 2

TO: All Surface and Underground Coal Mine Operators

DATE: January 30, 1992

FROM: Paul J. Ehret

RE: Revised Road Regulations

Upon approval of amended 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.150/1817.150 and new Section 1816.151/1817.151 by the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement on December 13, 1991, these Illinois regulations became effective January 1, 1992.

The Department wishes to call attention to new requirements brought about by these regulation changes and to provide you with guidance for regulatory compliance.

Updated regulations have just recently been mailed by the Department which includes the amended wording pages to enable you to insert these into your set of Illinois regulations. You may already be in receipt of these pages or should be shortly.

Section 1816.150/1817.150 now contains a road classification system and defines primary roads and ancillary roads. More detailed performance standards are also provided in these amended regulation sections. New Sections 1816.151/1817.151 provide certification requirements and design standards for primary roads.

Please note OSMRE did not approve Sections 1816.151(b)/1816.151(b), insofar as 2H:IV embankment side slopes and design and construction using current and prudent engineering practices may be used in lieu of a 1.3 static safety factor. IDMM is being required to amend this section.

Please inform your staff members who prepare permit application maps that, henceforth, all maps showing roads need to distinguish primary roads and ancillary roads by appropriate map legend.

Attached is a form which is being furnished to implement a new requirement to provide certification, upon completion of construction or reconstruction

of a primary road. Note that the form must be sealed by an Illinois registered professional engineer.

All primary roads that have been built according to approved plans prior to the effective date of the regulation are presumed to be exempt from certification; thus, only those subsequently completed or reconstructed require certification under the amended regulations.

To facilitate communications about primary road matters on subsequent permit applications that include primary roads, if more than one road is planned, the Department recommends that a road numbering system be developed and indicated on mining operations maps, as is already being done by some mine operators.

PRIMARY ROAD CONSTRUCTION/RECONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION

I do hereby certify that the primary road(s) designated or described as

_____,

in (SCM-1) (UMC-1) Permit No. _____ for Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations submitted by _____ Company, for _____ Mine, has/have been constructed/reconstructed:

Check appropriate box:

[ ] In the designated location and according to the design approved in said permit.

[ ] According to the approved design, with the exception of the following minor changes.

(Discuss in detail any changes in route, embankments, drainage structures, surfacing, etc. Also discuss reasons for changes and justification of new design if applicable. Include any required maps, drawings, etc.)

Name	Illinois Registration No. (Seal)
Firm	Phone Number
Address	
Signature	Date