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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION MEMORANDUM 92-7

To: ALL COAL MINE OPERATORS

From: Fred K. Bowman, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

Date: May 14, 1992

Re: Tree and Shrub Sampling, Form SCML-5

As more operators are requesting tree and shrub sampling for the purposes of bond release the Department has recognized the need for clarification of the sampling request procedure.

A request for sampling shall consist of form SCML-5 (copy attached) and, in accordance with 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.117(c)(1)/1817.117(c)(1), a scale drawing or aerial photograph of a scale one (1") inch equals five hundred (500') feet or larger delineating the area(s) to be sampled. The drawing or map submitted should be consistent with the drawing or map previously included with the SCML-4 covering the area to be sampled and the approved post-mining land use map.

In making tree and shrub sampling request please be aware that recent changes in the regulations at Section 1816.117(a)/1817.117(a) require that trees and shrubs be in place for three (3) years and be in at least the fifth (5th) year of the required responsibility period.

Please note form SCML-5 has been updated so the information requested is compatible with information submitted on the Yearly Revegetation Activity Report, form SCML-4.

Four (4) copies of the tree and shrub sampling request for calender year 1992 shall be submitted to the Department by June 15, 1992. After evaluation of the adequacy of the submittal, two copies will be forwarded to the Illinois Department of Conservation (IDOC) who will schedule and conduct the sampling. Representatives of IDOC will contact those operators requesting sampling to establish sampling dates. IDOC's goal is to have all sampling for 1992 completed by October 15, 1992.

Due to time and staff limitations, and depending upon the number of requests received, the Department cannot guarantee sampling for requests submitted after June 15, 1992. Beginning in calendar year 1993, requests will need to be submitted by February 15.

After completing sampling IDOC will forward the results to the Department. The Department will determine from the sampling results whether the sampled areas have been successfully revegetated. The operator will be notified in writing of the Department's evaluation decision.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact your field representative or this office.

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REQUEST FOR STATISTICAL SAMPLING
TREE AND SHRUB STOCKING

DATE _____

COMPANY _____ MINE _____

PERMIT _____ COUNTY _____

TRACT/ FIELD #	LAND USE/ CAPABILITY*	ACRES	YEAR OF ORIGINAL PLANTING**	YEAR OF ANY REPLANTING**

List Approved Species:

1) Forestry -

2) Wildlife -

3) Recreation -

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Signature of Company Official

*CODES

HCW - High Capability Wildlife
HCF - High Capability Forest
HCR - High Capability Recreation
NCCW - Non Cropland Capability Wildlife
NCCF - Non Cropland Capability Forest
NCCR - Non Cropland Capability Recreation

**Dates should correspond with appropriate SCML-4 submittal.

SCML-5 - 5/92