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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
MEMORANDUM NO. 96-4

TO: Recipients of Permanent Program Regulations

DATE: July 1, 1996

FROM: Donald J. Pflederer, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

RE: Regulatory Amendments

Enclosed is a copy of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division's regulations codified at 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1700 - 1850. Except as discussed below, the enclosed copy contains amendments which were approved by the Office of Surface Mining (OSM) at 61 Fed. Reg. 26801-26825 (May 29, 1996).

The following regulations have not been approved by OSM:

1. 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.116/1817.116(a)(2)(F)(i) - OSM did not approve the changes to these regulations and is requiring the Department remove them from the program. Sections 1816.116/1817.116(a)(~~1~~2)(F)(ii) remain in effect.

2. 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.116/1817.116(a)(3)(F) - OSM did not approve the changes to these regulations and is requiring the Department remove them from the program.

3. 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.116/1817.116(a)(4)(A)(ii) - OSM did not approve the changes to these regulations and is requiring the Department remove them from the program. The following wording of these regulations is not in effect, "The Department may approve a field to represent non-contiguous areas less than or equal to four acres of the same capability if it determines that the field is representative of reclamation of such areas. These areas shall be managed and vegetated in the same manner as the representative field."

Since the above noted amendments have not been approved by OSM, they have no force or effect in Illinois even though they appear in the enclosed copy of the regulations.

Please contact the Land Reclamation Division if you have questions concerning these regulations.

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Effective July 1, 1995, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources was created through the consolidation of the Illinois Department of Conservation, Department of Mines and Minerals, Abandoned Mined Lands Reclamation Council, the Department of Transportation's Division of Water Resources, and the Illinois State Museum and Scientific Surveys from the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources.

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