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DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES
Office of Mines and Minerals
524 South Second Street, Springfield, IL 62701-1787 Jim Edgar, Governor ● Brent Manning, Director

LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
MEMORANDUM NO. 97-5

TO: All Coal Mine Operators

DATE: June 10, 1997

FROM: Donald J. Pflederer, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

RE: Reporting of Affected Acreage

Enclosed are copies of the affected acreage reporting form (SCML 3) for fiscal year 1997. As in previous years, a detailed map showing the acreage affected is required. If there are acres available to be affected on a permit but no acres were affected in FY'97, an SCML 3 for zero (0) acres must be submitted to the Department. Please submit two (2) copies of the SCML 3 (including one bearing an original signature of the company official) plus one additional copy for each county in which the permit is located and three (3) additional copies of the map(s).

A copy of the SCML 3 and map will be forwarded to the County Clerk for each surface mining permit in effect from July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997, by the Office of Mines and Minerals. Coal mine operators are no longer required to do so. (62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.190).

Pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.190, underground coal mine operators are also required to submit an annual affected acreage map for permitted underground operations. Affected acreage should be reported under the surface affected category listed on the form SCML 3.

Instructions regarding the reporting of each disturbance category are given on the back of the SCML 3 form.

The deadline for submission of the affected acreage reports is September 30, 1997. Upon written request, extensions of this deadline may be granted by the Department. Should you have any questions regarding the reporting of affected acreage, please do not hesitate to contact your field representative or this office.

Again, this year the Department is accepting electronic copies of the affected acreage map. This offers the company and the Department the ability to have "identical" maps in their electronic files. If you wish to participate, please contact Dean Spindler at the Springfield office for additional instructions.

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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SCML-3

State of Illinois
Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals
Land Reclamation Division
524 South Second Street
Springfield, Illinois 62701-1787

DETAILED MAP(S) OF AREA AFFECTED

(To be submitted by September 1, following end of fiscal year
for the period of July 1, through June 30.)

Date: _____

_____ hereby submits the
(Name of corporation, firm or individual)

attached map(s) of the actual area affected under Permit Number _____ for the fiscal year from

July 1, 19___ through June 30, 19___.

_____

Pit or Facility *(1) Surface * (2) Mined * (3) Soil

Name of Mine	Name or No.	Affected Area	Overburden	Removal Only

ACREAGE TOTALS: _____

If the above affected acreage includes reaffected land which has been previously disturbed by mining or surface affected area (reaffected). Complete the appropriate section on the reverse side and identify on attached map(s). Do not include soil removal only.

_____
(Signature of Company Official)

Address: _____
_____

Two (2) copies of Form SCML-3 and detailed maps showing the area affected are to be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources, Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division, plus an additional copy for each county in which the permit is located.

*See back of form for more detailed instruction.

NOTICE- This state agency is requesting disclosure of information that is necessary to accomplish the statutory purpose as outlined under 225 ILCS 715/1 (Ill. Rev. Stat., Ch. 96 ½, par. 4501 et seq.). Disclosure of this information is MANDATORY. Failure to provide this information could result in the issuance of notices of violation and ultimately bond forfeiture. This form has been approved by the Forms Management Center.

Mined Overburden

Areas to be included in this category include all land from which overburden has been removed and all areas where overburden has been deposited. Highwall and pit areas extending to the top of the highwall are to be included.

Surface Affected Area

This area includes all surface areas either disturbed, affected or used in support of or ancillary to mining operations activities. Roads, tipple, ditches, sediment control facilities, waste disposal, soil stockpile, and storage areas are included; however, it may be necessary to include other areas also. Once an area is reported as surface affected area, it need not be reported again. In subsequent years, only newly affected areas will be mapped to show the initial year the surface was affected.

Areas extending laterally (out to the side of the direction of pit advance) which have been disturbed by soil removal and/or other soil removal but will not be subjected to overburden removal, must be declared under the surface affected area category.

Those areas affected in advance of the highwall that have experienced only surface soil or root medium removal and will not be mined (not to experience overburden removal) must be mapped and the acreage included in this category.

This category also includes those operations having surface mining activities which recover coal from a deposit that is not in its original geologic location such as coal waste disposal areas, (i.e., carbon recovery operations).

Soil Removal Only

This category includes all areas from which only surface soil and/or root medium has been removed or stockpiled or other disturbed areas (i.e., ditches, roads) that will be mined at a later date.

Reaffected Acreage

A. _____ acres. Acreage which has been remined. (If known, please specify when and by whom the acreage was mined initially).

B. _____ acres. Acreage which has been previously declared as support facility disturbance.

C. _____ acres. Carbon recovery operations on previously disturbed acreage. (If known, please specify when and by whom the acreage was initially disturbed)

MEMORANDUM

To: All Technical and Inspection Staff
From: Donald J. Pflederer
Subject: Approval Letters
Date: June 24, 1997

It has come to my attention that recently IEPA has not received all approval letters issued by the Department. In the future make sure that Ron Morse (IEPA) is copied on all approval letters for the following submittals:

- Permit Approvals
- Permit Renewal Approvals
- Significant Permit Revisions
- Incidental Boundary Revisions
- Insignificant Permit Revisions

Approval letters of IPR's for land use changes do not need to be copied to IEPA unless the land use change is significant to a particular water issue and/or modification to the IEPA NPDES Permit.

If you have any question about copying IEPA on any approval letters please touch base with Dave Longo. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.