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## LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION Memorandum No.2006-03

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

Date: November 3, 2006

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor  
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Re: National Register of Historic Places  
in Planned Subsidence Area

Pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1783.12 applications for underground mining that propose to conduct planned subsidence operations shall contain related to the potential eligibility of structures found in the shadow area for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

In order to provide the Department with information necessary to make the finding required by Section 1773.15(c)(12), applicants shall follow the attached "Guidelines for Conducting Structural Surveys for Determining Eligibility for Inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places in Planned Subsidence Mining Areas."

The requirements of Section 1783.12 apply to all mines, but the Department is providing a waiver from this information for mines that conduct underground coal extraction using unplanned subsidence methods.

If you have any questions concerning this issue please feel free to contact this office.

## GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING STRUCTURE SURVEYS FOR DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY FOR INCLUSION ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES IN PLANNED SUBSIDENCE MINING AREAS

For underground mines proposing to conduct planned subsidence operations, the following details the expectations of the IDNR Cultural Resources Coordinator in handling surveys for evaluating a structures's eligibility for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places. The preliminary information should be submitted in the application. Further detailed work if required can be delayed but must be completed and approved 180 days prior to impacts of planned subsidence.

1. The applicant should take digital photographs of each structure to illustrate the exterior appearance. This photographic record can be limited to structures that are believed to be greater than 40 years in age.
2. A CD of the digital photos should be submitted with the application to conduct planned subsidence. Photos should be keyed to a map in relation to the underground mine plan with appropriate surface references such as roads, township range and section designations, etc. If known, include the date of construction. During the mine permit review process, the images will be forwarded to the IDNR Cultural Resources Coordinator for review and comment.
3. Context Statement: In most instances, the historic context developed for the archeological survey of the permit area (surface facilities area) should be sufficient for the shadow area and should be included with the digital photos. If one does not exist, contact the IDNR Cultural Resources Coordinator to determine what steps must be taken to develop or secure one.
4. Based on the historic context and exterior photographs, it may be necessary to conduct further documentation at specific structures. The IDNR Cultural Resources Coordinator will determine if any structures warrant further efforts to determine their eligibility. This additional documentation may include interior photographs, line drawings and archival research and may require a consultant with architectural qualifications to define the possible significance of the structure(s) in question. The additional efforts to determine the historic significance and eligibility for listing on the historic register may be conducted after permit approval but must be completed and acceptable to the IDNR Cultural Resources Coordinator a minimum of 180 days prior to subsidence impacts.

If you have any questions concerning this procedure for determining eligibility of historic structures, please contact:

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