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LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION Memorandum No.2006-04

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

Date: November 17, 2006

- From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor Land Reclamation Division
- Re: Indiana Bat Timber Disturbance Dates

On January 31, 2001, the Land Reclamation Division issued Memorandum 01-01 which specified the timber disturbance period for Indiana bats as September 30 to April 1, or a "no-cut" restriction from April 1 to September 30. Recently the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has indicated their desire that the "no-cut" period be changed to April 15 until September 15.

Effective immediately, The Land Reclamation Division's policy will be that the "no-cut" period for Indiana bats will be April 15 to September 15.