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Operator Memorandum 2017-08

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

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Date: September 11, 2017

Re: Applications for Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations Permits

The Department has recently overhauled its permit application for coal mining and reclamation operations. The new application is to be used for permitting all coal mining activity including new permits, significant revisions, insignificant permit revisions and incidental boundary revisions to existing permits, renewal of existing permits and transfers of existing permits. It is also to be used for all types of mining, whether surface, underground or carbon recovery operations.

Please be advised, effective immediately, all permit applications submitted to the Department shall require the use of the new permit application. Prior to applying, the applicant must ensure that the latest version of the application is being used by checking the Mines and Minerals website (<https://www.dnr.illinois.gov/mines/LRD/Pages/Applications.aspx>). Failure to use the latest version shall result in a delay in processing and possible disapproval by the Department. Additionally, the Department will not accept application forms that have been modified or changed in any way.

Also, please be aware that implementation of this new application resulted in relocation of items within the Department's website. As a result, hyperlinks you may have used in the past may no longer be valid. If you encounter such issues, the Department recommends going to the website to locate the specific item and expects minimal inconvenience as a result of the changes.

The Department trusts the new application will enhance and improve the permitting process.