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Operator Memorandum 2018-04

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

From: Nick San Diego, Supervisor
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Date: July 31, 2018

RE: Permit Synchronization

To make permit renewals more efficient, the Department is implementing a procedure to consolidate permit renewals for each of the multi-permit inspectable units (IUs) under its jurisdiction.

The procedure will be implemented immediately as follows:

- Beginning August 2018, all permits requiring renewal* for a given IU will be identified with renewal dates and permittees will be notified.
- The permit with the 180-day renewal application date [Ill. Adm. Code 1774.15(b)(1)] closest to August 2018 will trigger the renewal process for all renewable permits in its IU. Ninety (90) days prior to the 180-day date for this permit, a notice will be sent to the permittee stating that a renewal application addressing all renewable permits for that IU shall be submitted.
- The permittee shall submit one renewal application addressing **ALL** the permits in that IU. The renewal application will be modified to accommodate more than one permit.
- The renewal process will proceed as before. The only difference will be that more than one permit will be involved. Only one newspaper advertisement addressing all the permits will be required; any requested informal conference or public hearing would address all the permits; and the required ownership and control (O&C) check will be for all the permits, thus eliminating the need for newspaper advertisement, informal conference and/or public hearings and O&C checks for each permit individually.
- All the permits will then be reviewed as a single unit at the time of the renewal.
- In the case of a new IU, the renewal dates for the initial permit will establish the renewal dates for any subsequent permits.
- New permits under a previously permitted IU will be issued for a five (5) year period and renewed at the next renewal period for that IU, regardless of how soon that occurs, thereby insuring all permits remain on the same renewal cycle.

*Permits not requiring renewal are those in reclamation status.