



**Land Reclamation Division  
Operator Memorandum No. 2025-02**

To: All Coal Operators

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Re: Review Coordination with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

In 2022, the Department introduced and implemented the e-Permit system, a wholly online, paperless permit application process. Since that time, it has come to the Department's attention that permit applications, which in the past, would have been sent to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) for concurrent review, in accordance with Operator Memorandum 2007-01, is no longer occurring.

Given changes in both the Office of Mines and Minerals, Land Reclamation Division and the IEPA, Operator Memorandum 2007-01 is outdated. **This memorandum is a replacement to the 2007 memorandum.**

Both the Department and IEPA wish to coordinate the reviews of surface and groundwater hydrology issues for mining operations, as well as process Incidental Boundary Revisions (IBRs) and Insignificant Permit Revisions (IPRs) in a timelier manner for all parties.

Effective immediately, the following types of applications must be submitted via the Department's e-Permit system, AND a written notification must be provided to the IEPA that an application has been submitted to that system. Additionally, two (2) hard, paper, copies of the application must be submitted to the IEPA.

- Sediment Pond IBR's and IPR's
- Refuse or ash disposal requests
- Groundwater monitoring requests (including well installation, well plugging, etc.)
- Lime Sludge Requests
- Corrective Action Plan and/or Groundwater Management Zone (GMZ) related requests

The IEPA may access electronic applications made to the e-Permit website to aid in its review. Such information, if used, would become part of the IEPA's record. Written notification must be provided to the following addresses:

[epa.bow.minepermits@illinois.gov](mailto:epa.bow.minepermits@illinois.gov), [amy.zimmer@illinois.gov](mailto:amy.zimmer@illinois.gov) and [iwona.ward@illinois.gov](mailto:iwona.ward@illinois.gov)

Please note that all requests to IEPA for permits under Title 35 Ill. Adm. Code Subtitle D "Mine Related Water Pollution" must comply with the application information requirements specified in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 405.104. The following forms are designated by the IEPA for applications for State and NPDES permits pursuant to Subtitle D and should be completed and submitted to IEPA in accordance with Form MP-0 (Application Instructions).

- Form MP-1 Mine Facility, Owner, and Operator Identification and Application Certifications
- Form MP-2 For Construction, Opening, or Reopening of a Mine.
- Form MP-3 For Operation of a Mine
- Form MP-4 Refuse Disposal
- Form MP-6 For Relocation of a Stream

Additionally, if the proposed activity requires modification of an existing NPDES permit, then Application Forms 1 and 2C must be completed and filed with IEPA, or if new mining operations are proposed that require NPDES coverage, then Forms 1 and 2D must be completed and filed with IEPA. These forms are available for download on the IEPA's website at <https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/forms/water-forms/wastewater-permits.html>.

Also, effective immediately, administrative support functions for the coal mine program have been relocated to IEPA headquarters in Springfield. Therefore, all hard-copy applications, forms, supporting documents, and supplemental information including monitoring reports that are not reportable to the NetDMR system should be sent to the IEPA's new address indicated below.

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Division of Water Pollution Control  
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