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To: All Coal Mine Permittees/~~Consultants~~

From: Ronnie Huff, Director 
Office of Mines and Minerals

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Re: Implementation of Electronic Permitting System

As many of you are aware, the Land Reclamation Division has been developing an electronic permitting system (ePermit) to enhance the permitting process. The Division dedicated a great deal of time and budget to create a system that is functional and effective. We are pleased to announce that the system is now complete and ready to be implemented.

There have been multiple opportunities for coal mine personnel as well as consultants to engage in the development of the ePermit system and participate in training. Through that process, you have provided valuable input concerning the development of the ePermit system. To all of you who took the time and effort to particulate, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

This notice is being sent to advise you that as of **October 24 2022**, All new permit applications, Significant Permit Revisions, Incidental Boundary Revisions, Insignificant Permit Revisions, Minor Underground Facilities, Transfers and Renewals will be required to be submitted under the new system. Permits now in progress under the paper application process will be processed until a permit decision is made under the old system.

All applicants and consultants employed to assemble and submit permit applications must first register with the Department's ePermit system to gain access to the system. Registration instructions can be found on the Department's website. We invite you to register and learn the system to make as smooth a transition as possible.

We hope the system improves the communications and interaction between coal mine permittees/consultants and the LRD staff reviewing permits. Please contact the LRD staff with any questions you may have as we make this transition from paper applications to a true electronic based system.