

LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION

MEMORANDUM NO. 01-04

TO: All Coal Operators and Permit Application Consultants

Date: October 31, 2001

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

Re: Archeological and Cultural Reviews

Recent revisions to the federal archeological and cultural regulations have necessitated changes in the review and processing of permit application information on cultural and historical resources. These regulations may be found at 36 CFR Part 800 and were printed in the federal register on December 12, 2000, pp77698..77739. As you are aware, in the past, proposed permit areas and Phase surveys have been directly submitted to the IHPA for their review and comment. In lieu of that procedure, effective November 15, 2001, these inquiries and surveys will now be required to be sent our office. We will then forward them on to Hal Hassen, an archeologist from the Office of Realty and Environmental Planning of the Department.

He or his staff will do the review. He may be contacted at (217) 524-3759. Under the new federal rules there are potential opportunities for public and tribal comment. The IHPA will also have an opportunity to comment on the DNR review. Therefore, it is recommended to submit your proposed site map and information as far in advance as possible, to avoid potential delays in permit processing. Please be advised that Phase 2&3 archeological survey work may not begin without the required procedures and approvals referenced in the above regulations being followed.

Also, the Illinois State Museum is inputting historic information into the state's GIS as part of a cooperative effort with the Office of Mines and Minerals. This project has helped to identify unregistered cemeteries and is used as part of a Historic and Cultural report. Companies looking at long range development may wish to share the identity of their planned development areas with the ISM and they will prioritize these areas for data gathering at no cost to you. For more information, contact Mike Wiant at (217) 785-0134.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mr. Dean Spindler of this office at (217) 782-

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