

## **LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION**

### **MEMORANDUM NO. 02-04**

To: All Coal Operators and Permit Application Consultants

From: Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor  
Land Reclamation Division

Date: September 3, 2002

Re: Archeological and Cultural Reviews  
Update of Memorandum 01-04

The previous memorandum outlined processing procedures for archeological and cultural information. Problems have risen where operators and consultants are contacting the IHPA for preliminary existing information about a future application site. This has resulted in the IHPA doing the initial review and getting the process out of sync and the review being done twice. Companies are advised not to contact the IHPA.

When coal companies or their representatives (not archaeologists) need preliminary information they should make the request directly to Mike Wiant at the Illinois State Museum at 1011 Ash Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, (217) 785-0134. His staff will prepare a brief report (facts, not interpretation). The data will include: known archaeological sites, previously surveyed areas, documented cemeteries, potential historic sites (obtained from historic plats), National Register districts and sites, HPA status of known sites (determined eligible for National Register, not eligible, not evaluated, etc.) This information can be used to assist you in making preliminary assessments of the site.

Also if the information is being requested for areas where other permits such as Corps of Engineers will be required, please use this same procedure.

Please be advised that in the event this information shows no Phase I survey has been done on areas which will incur surface disturbance, potential structural impacts, or has not been previously been disturbed by mining, in most cases a Phase I survey will be required for the permit.

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You are also again advised that the changes to the federal regulations cited in Memorandum 01-04 have imposed potentially longer time periods to process this information in the event additional survey work is needed.

Please be advised Phase surveys must be sent to our office. We will then forward them on to Hal Hassen, an archeologist and cultural resource coordinator from IDNR's Office of Realty and Environmental Planning of the Department.

He or his staff will do the review. Should you have any questions concerning archeological requirements, please contact Hal 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 and 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.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact Mr. Dean Spindler of this office at (217) 782-4970 or at [dspindler@dnrmail.state.il.us](mailto:dspindler@dnrmail.state.il.us).