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Operator Memorandum 2017-10

To: All Coal Mine Operators/Consultants

Date: November 30, 2017

From: Tom Benner, Director
Office of Mines and Minerals

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Benner".

Re: Scott Fowler's Retirement

It is with mixed emotions that we announce the retirement of Scott Fowler from the role as Supervisor of the Land Reclamation Division effective November 30, 2017. While we wish Scott the very best on his post employee endeavors, the leadership and character he displayed since assuming his role in 2000 will be sorely missed.

As the Department's search for a permanent replacement unfolds, Dean Spindler will most capably serve as Acting Supervisor in the interim. Dean brings a wealth of experience from the earliest stages of the regulatory program and has a thorough understanding of Illinois mining program. His willingness to serve in this capacity is most appreciated.

Therefore, until the Department permanently fills the Land Reclamation Division's supervisor position please address all Department correspondence to:

Dean Spindler, Acting Supervisor
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