LAND RECLAMATION DIVISION
MEMORANDUM NO. 98-03

To: All Coal Mine Operators

Date: August 21, 1998

From: Donald J. Pflederer
        Land Reclamation Division

Re: Reporting of Affected Acreage

Enclosed are copies of the affected acreage reporting from (SCML 3) for fiscal year 1998. As in previous years, a detailed map showing the acreage affected is required. If there are acres available to be affected on a permit but no acres were affected in FY'98, an SCML 3 for zere (0) acres must be submitted to the Department. Please submit two (2) copies of the SCML 3 (including one bearing on underline original signature underline of the company official), plus one additional copy for each county in which the permit is located, and three (3) additional copies of the map(s).

A copy of the SCML 3 and map will be forwarded to the County Clerk for each surface minig permit in effect from July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998, by the Office of Mines and Minerals. Coal mine operator are no longer required to do so. (62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.190).

Pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1816.190, underground coal mine operators are also required to submit an annual affected acreage map for permitted underground operations. Affected acreage should be reported under the surface affected category listed on the form SCML 3.

Instructions regarding the reporting of each disturbance category are given on the back of the SCML 3 form.

The deadline for submission of the affected acreage reports is extended until November 15, 1998. Upon written request, extensions of this deadline may be granted by the Department. Should you have any questions regarding the reporting of affected acreage, please do not hesitate to contact your field representative, or this office.

Again, this year the Department is accepting electronic copies of the affected acreage map. This offers the company and the Department the ability to have "identical" maps in their electronic files. If you wish to participate, please contact Dean Spindler at the Springfield office for additional

instructions.