

MEMO 98-6

To: County Clerk

From: Kim Underwood, Supervisor, Land Reclamation Division

Subject: Coal Mining Information and the Public Availability of Records

Date: December 14, 1998

As required by the Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Act, the Department routinely sends information to you regarding :

1. Permit applications
2. Permit significant revision applications
3. Permit renewals
4. Permit transfers

The purpose of this is to make the information available for public inspection and comment during the review period.

Subsequent to issuance of a permit, the Department has also been routinely sending copies of secondary documents including:

1. Inspection reports.
2. Minor revisions.
3. Other permit related reports and documents.

The regulations found at 62 Ill. Adm Code 1840.14 provide an alternative to sending these secondary documents to you by making them available at our offices, provided that you make the public aware of how to review and obtain copies. This change will reduce costs to taxpayers and your agency in storage of these documents and reduce our costs of duplicating and mailing these secondary documents, while at the same time ensure the availability of these documents to the public. **This will not affect application documents filed by the operator nor application information sent to your office during the review period. The Department would appreciate if you would place the attached notice in an appropriate place or keep in on file in your office.**

Coal Mining Information and the Public Availability of Records

Permit applications to mine coal are filed with the County Clerk in the county in which mining is proposed to take place. This information is filed locally to be available for the public to review and comment during the review process.

The following information is available for public inspection at this office:

- 1. Permit applications.**
- 2. Permit significant revision applications.**
- 3. Permit renewals.**
- 4. Permit transfers.**

Subsequent to issuance, each permit is inspected a minimum of once each month. Additionally there are a number of reports submitted to the Department such as water quality monitoring. Most permits have additional secondary paperwork, such as minor revisions.

The following information is available at the Land Reclamation Division Central Office in Springfield or field office in Benton (areas south of Interstate 70):

- 1. Inspection reports.**
- 2. Minor revisions.**
- 3. Water quality reports.**
- 4. Other permit related reports and documents.**

**To review or obtain copies of this information contact an office below
. An appointment is preferred to ensure the most appropriate staff is available to assist you.**

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