

Land Reclamation Division
Memorandum 99-10

To: Coal Operators

From: Alfred L. Clayborne

Date: November 4, 1999

Re: Liming of Refuse Piles

Rule changes approved last winter by OSM gave the Land Reclamation Division the authority to require the addition of neutralization material to coal refuse prior to final covering of the refuse with soil material.

In most cases some lime addition will be needed to assist long term stability and minimize acid seepage.

Prior to commencing soil covering of refuse areas, operators must contact their field representative for guidance on conducting sampling of the refuse. Once sampling is completed and results submitted to the Department, a determination will be made concerning the need to add neutralization material to the refuse prior to final covering.

If you have questions concerning this matter please contact your field representative or Dean Spindler.