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Subject: Furnishing Operators/Permittees with Copies of Inspection Reports

Approval: James R. Harris | **Title:** Director, Office of Surface Mining

1. Purpose. This directive establishes the Office of Surface Mining's (OSM) policy in providing permittees/operators with copies of inspection reports.

2. Definitions. None.

3. Policy/Procedures.

a. Policy.

(1) During the interim regulatory program, OSM's policy was to make copies of inspection reports available to permittees/operators within 15 days of the inspection. This policy will continue for inspections conducted under Federal or Federal lands regulatory programs. In the case of very short inspection reports, inspectors are encouraged to complete their reports at the site so that a carbon copy can be given immediately to the operator.

(2) In States with approved regulatory programs, OSM's policy is to provide inspection reports to permittees/operators according to the procedures below.

b. Procedures.

(1) When an inspection results in a ten-day notice to the State Regulatory Authority (SRA), Field Office Directors (FOD) will ensure that a copy of the inspection report is sent to the permittee/operators within 15 days.

(2) When an inspection does not result in a ten-day notice to the SRA, FOD's have the discretion as to whether or not to send a copy of the inspection report to the permittee/operator.

4. Reporting Requirements. None

5. References. 30 CFR 843.12(a)(2).

6. Effects on other Documents. Replaces Directive, "Furnishing Operators/Permittees with Copies of Inspection Report," INE-3, August 21, 1980.

7. Effective Date. Upon issuance

8. Contact. Chief, Branch of Inspection (FTS) 343-5384