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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM)

Handbook on Selected Permit Application Information

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: OSM is making available to the public a handbook that describes the *determination* of probable hydrologic consequences and the *statement* of results of test borings or core samplings.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the handbook may be obtained at the following OSM Offices:

Office of Surface Mining, Administrative Record, Room 152, Interior South Building, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

Office of Surface Mining -- Region I, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1st Floor, Thomas Hill Building, 950 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia 25301.

Office of Surface Mining -- Region II, U.S. Department of the Interior, 530 Gay Street, Suite 500, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902.

Office of Surface Mining -- Region III, U.S. Department of the Interior, Federal Building and Court House, Room 520, 45 East Ohio Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

Office of Surface Mining -- Region IV, U.S. Department of the Interior, 818 Grand Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri 64106.

Office of Surface Mining -- Region V, U.S. Department of the Interior, Brooks Towers, 1020 15th Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Willen, Chief, Division of Small Operator Assistance, Office of Surface Mining, U.S. Department of the Interior, 1951 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20240 (telephone 202-343-9104).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Under the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, operators must submit a *determination* of probable hydrologic consequences of mining and reclamation operations and a *statement* of the results of test borings or core samplings. These provisions are required in the mining permit application by Sections 507(b)(11) and (b)(15) of the Act. For small operators, funds are available under the Small Operators Assistance Program (SOAP) to pay for the preparation of this permit information. The handbook is a general description of an acceptable approach and procedures for preparing the *determination* of probable hydrologic consequences and for preparing the *statement*. Other approaches and procedures may be equally valid for use. The contents of the handbook do not have the force of law and do not modify the Act or the regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the Interior under the Act.

The handbook was prepared by OSM in response to the provisions of 30 CFR 795.4(c)(1). OSM solicited comments on an earlier draft handbook. Comments received were considered in preparing the final handbook. OSM anticipates updating the final handbook as more knowledge becomes available through experience in meeting the requirements of the Act and regulations.

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