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Division of Abandoned Mine Lands announces Start of Water Supply Project

Service will provide nearly 215 households with potable water supply

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 25, 2011) – Residents along Highway KY 476 in Breathitt County will soon notice construction beginning on the Division of Abandoned Mine Lands' (DAML) waterline project in their local community.

A groundbreaking ceremony will be held in the community on Thursday, April 28th at 11 a.m. EDT. The projected completion date of the project is January 2012.

DAML announced today the award of contracts and start of construction for the project. Contracts for the project total \$2 million. A Memorandum of Agreement totaling \$2.6 million has been reached between DAML and the Breathitt County Water District. The waterline and pump stations will be constructed by G & W Construction of Morehead with the water tanks to be installed by Laurel Construction of London. Nesbitt Engineering of Lexington will provide engineering and inspection services.

A groundwater contamination study performed by DAML has determined the area to have been impacted by AML-eligible past mining. Residents of Caney Creek, Right Fork Caney Creek, Upper and Lower Beaver Dam, Fugate Fork, Laurel Fork, Church Road, and Buckhorn Creek Road up to the Robinson Forest Camp areas located off Troublesome Creek will be served by this project. Approximately 90,740 linear feet of waterline will be constructed with approximately 215 water meters being installed.

"As a native of a rural Kentucky county, I understand the importance of individuals receiving clean, potable water," said Department for Natural Resources Commissioner Carl Campbell. "This is one of many DAML waterline projects that reflect

the Department for Natural Resources' continuing efforts of providing water to the people of rural Kentucky coalfields.”

DAML is authorized under KRS.350 to abate hazards to public health, safety and the environment from abandoned mine lands. To date, DAML has expended more than \$80 million for waterline improvements and has provided more than 12,000 households with potable water supply in 24 coalfield counties in eastern, southern and western Kentucky.

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