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Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands Announces Upcoming Water Supply Projects

Services will provide more than 2,300 households with potable water supply

FRANKFORT, Ky. – (June 3, 2011) – Governor Steve Beshear today announced funding for water supply projects in several eastern Kentucky counties, while praising ongoing AML efforts to provide potable water to Kentucky's citizens affected by past mining.

"Making sure Kentucky residents have access to a safe, clean water supply should never be taken for granted," said Gov. Beshear.

Residents living along or in KY HWY 476 (Breathitt), Mudlick/Franks Creek (Johnson), Paintsville Lake area (Johnson), Dry Creek/Clear Creek (Knott), Treadway Road (Lee/Owsley), Trace Fork/Spicy Ridge (Martin), Whoopflarea (Owsley/Perry), South Perry (Perry) and Vicco (Perry/Letcher) should be noticing the construction of a water supply project funded by the Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (DAML) in their local community.

The projects, totaling approximately \$16 million, will provide potable water to approximately 1,393 households, including all the households in Johnson County that are served by Paintsville Utilities when the new water treatment plant comes on line in 2012 that DAML is partially funding.

Additional funding, approximately \$12 million, has been set aside by DAML for six future waterline projects to serve residents in Breathitt (Copeland, Duck Hollow & River Caney), Knott (portions of Clear Creek & Arnolds Fork), Letcher (Pine Creek, Cram Creek, & some of Pert Creek) Perry (Big Branch Rt. 2447) and Wolfe counties (Campton to Bethany, Mary and Flat) and will provide approximately 914 households in these rural, local communities with access to potable water.

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 over \$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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