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Kentucky Division of Abandoned Mine Lands Announces Perry County Waterline Project *Residents in several areas of the county will soon receive access to potable water supply.*

Frankfort, Ky. (Oct. 9, 2012) – Access to potable water will soon be available to 269 additional households in Perry County.

The Department for Natural Resources' (DNR) Division of Abandoned Mine Lands (AML) announced today the award of a contract and the start of construction for the Hazard Multi-Site AML water supply project in Perry County.

"AML-funded water supply projects began back in the mid-1980s in Perry County, and since then AML has worked closely with both the City of Hazard and Perry County government to fund potable water supply projects in the eligible areas of the county," said DNR Commissioner Steve Hohmann.

AML has found that agency-eligible pre-1982 mining has impacted much of the groundwater in Rocklick Branch; Lick Branch; Darfork Hollow; Little Leatherwood Creek between Huff Lane and Lost Fork; and along Route 463 near Delphia, making these areas eligible for AML waterline assistance.

The project, with a memorandum of agreement between the City of Hazard and AML, totals \$3 million. The project will be operated by the City of Hazard. Akins Excavating, of Corbin was awarded the contract with a low bid amount of \$1.95 million. Three water storage tanks are part of the project, to be constructed by Kentucky Glass Lined Tank Systems, of Lexington, with a bid of

\$547,134. H.A. Spaulding Engineering, of Hazard will provide engineering services. The entire project includes the installation of approximately 19.7 miles of water lines in various sizes from 6 inches to $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, three booster pump stations, valves, the three water storage tanks, and the installation of water meters at 269 residences.

AML is authorized under Kentucky law (KRS.350) to abate hazards to public health, safety, and the environment from abandoned mine lands. To date, AML has expended more than \$103 million for waterline improvements and has provided more than 14,309 households with potable water supply in 24 coalfield counties in eastern, southern and western Kentucky.

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