



Kentucky
Department for Surface Mining
Reclamation and Enforcement

Reclamation Advisory Memorandum

From: Dave Rosenbaum, Commissioner

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Subject: Tentative Approval of Operator Changes

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The Division of Permits has been experiencing a disturbing trend on operator change revisions. In many cases, applicants are applying for an operator change revision and obtaining tentative approval for the operator, but then are failing to follow through to final approval and issuance of the revision. Many of these applications are returned to the applicant for correction but are never resubmitted.

To address this concern, the Division of Permits has begun notifying applicants when an application is returned for correction (TWW), that the application must be corrected and resubmitted within thirty (30) days of receipt of the TWW letter. Failure to resubmit or withdraw the application within this time will result in immediate suspension of the tentative approval and the unapproved operator will be required to cease all coal removal until issuance of the revision. The permittee may also be subject to enforcement action for unapproved operator.